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STUDENT LIFE BEAT

Final remnants of Cold War taken down



AARON DESLATTE/The Chart
Dr. Karl Schmidt holds a sign from a fallout shelter. Southern no longer has any.

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Six years ago, millions watched the Cold War's finale in astonishment.

The Berlin Wall had fallen two years earlier, and Mikhail Gorbachev, caught in a wave of negative public sentiment, resigned as president of the former Soviet Union. These events were mainstays in the public eye. They were signs of the time.

This fall at Missouri Southern, several employees hope another sign will draw the focus of the public eye.

In August, several nuclear fallout shelter signs displayed on four Southern buildings were removed. To some, the signs posted in Young Gymnasium, Reynolds Hall,

Matthews Hall, and Hearnes Hall were the last remnants of a time when the facts about nuclear war were scarcely known but the fear of it gripped the world.

Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, cited both the obsolescence and inaccuracies of the signs as means for their removal from public display.

"It was time to turn a page in history," Beeler said. "Those of us old enough to remember the layout of a bomb shelter know our buildings

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were not equipped for that purpose."

According to the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, the organization which prepared public readiness in the event of a nuclear war, to qualify as a nuclear fallout shelter a facility must be underground and have an oxygen filtering system and food supplies.

"If our facilities ever did have those things, they don't now," Beeler said. Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history at Southern, believes most buildings designated as fallout shelters in the 1950s and 60s were not capable of providing adequate protection.

"[Fallout shelters] were just advertising designed to make people feel better about the whole situation,"

TURN TO SHELTERS, PAGE 10

ENHANCEMENT

College prepares for final year of mission funds

University of Missouri system enters first year of financ-

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When College President Julio Leon first approached the Missouri legislature about bringing an international emphasis to Missouri Southern, more than a few eyebrows were raised.

Now, as Southern enters its third year of mission enhancement funding and starts lobbying for the final year, its international mission has

sprouted from a mere idea into a tangible creation. If funding is approved this year, it will likely add the final \$500,000 to the \$2.4 million requested to initiate the mission.

Southern, Missouri Western, and Southwest Missouri State University were the first to undergo the mission enhancement program. The program, introduced to the legislature in 1995 as Senate Bill 340, directs the CBHE to review all the two- and four-year institutions missions every five years.

"It was a very short time frame," Leon said. "While the CBHE had approved the notion of mission enhancement in October, the legislature was going to deal with it in January."

The idea for an international emphasis had been batted around the campus since 1990, but it was the mission enhancement program that brought it to fruition. However, it wasn't an easy sell.

"The same legislators who were very vocal about the program when it was first introduced

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COLLEGE FINANCES

Show us the money

Missouri Southern has requested \$8,399,906 in funds for capital improvements for fiscal year 1999.

Spiva Library — Additions.....	\$6,507,440
Barn Theatre — Reconstruction.....	\$170,000
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Matthews Hall — Remodel.....	\$201,500
Physical Plant — Construction.....	\$225,000
Main Campus — Repair.....	\$85,076
Main Campus — Construction.....	\$50,000

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Southern submits capital improvement wish list

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Once again, the annual budget process has begun. Although the official due date for state colleges and universities to have their budget request to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is Oct. 1, Missouri Southern has already submitted its budget, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"We wanted to give CBHE as much time as possible to review our request," Tiede said. "There are several projects the College is really excited about."

Currently, the College is operating in fiscal year 1998, which began July 1 and wraps up June 30, 1998. Southern recently submitted its request for fiscal year 1999, which will affect fall 1998 and spring 1999 semesters.

The request contains two major parts, operating budget and capital improvement budget, Tiede said.

Southern has requested \$8,399,906 for capital improvements with Spiva Library planning and construction at the top of the list at \$6,507,440.

The operating budget request consists of several requests: the core budget, which is traditionally a 5 percent inflationary increase from the previous year's budget; the next year of mission enhancement funding; monies to cover an increase in the retirement system contribution that was approved by the legislature last session; and a Funding for Results request.

Other capital improvement requests include \$170,000 for Barn Theatre reconstruction and \$455,000 to remodel the old tech area in the Ummel Technology Building.

"We are very optimistic about the Ummel Tech request," Tiede said. "The dollar request isn't that large, but their need is big."

The budget process goes through several stages. First, the College must evaluate necessary expenses and rate them in order of importance. Then, the College's budget request is submitted to CBHE.

CBHE passes on its recommendations to the governor, who must take into account the entire state budget when he presents his budget to the state legislature. The legislature then takes the budget up during session and makes the final decision.

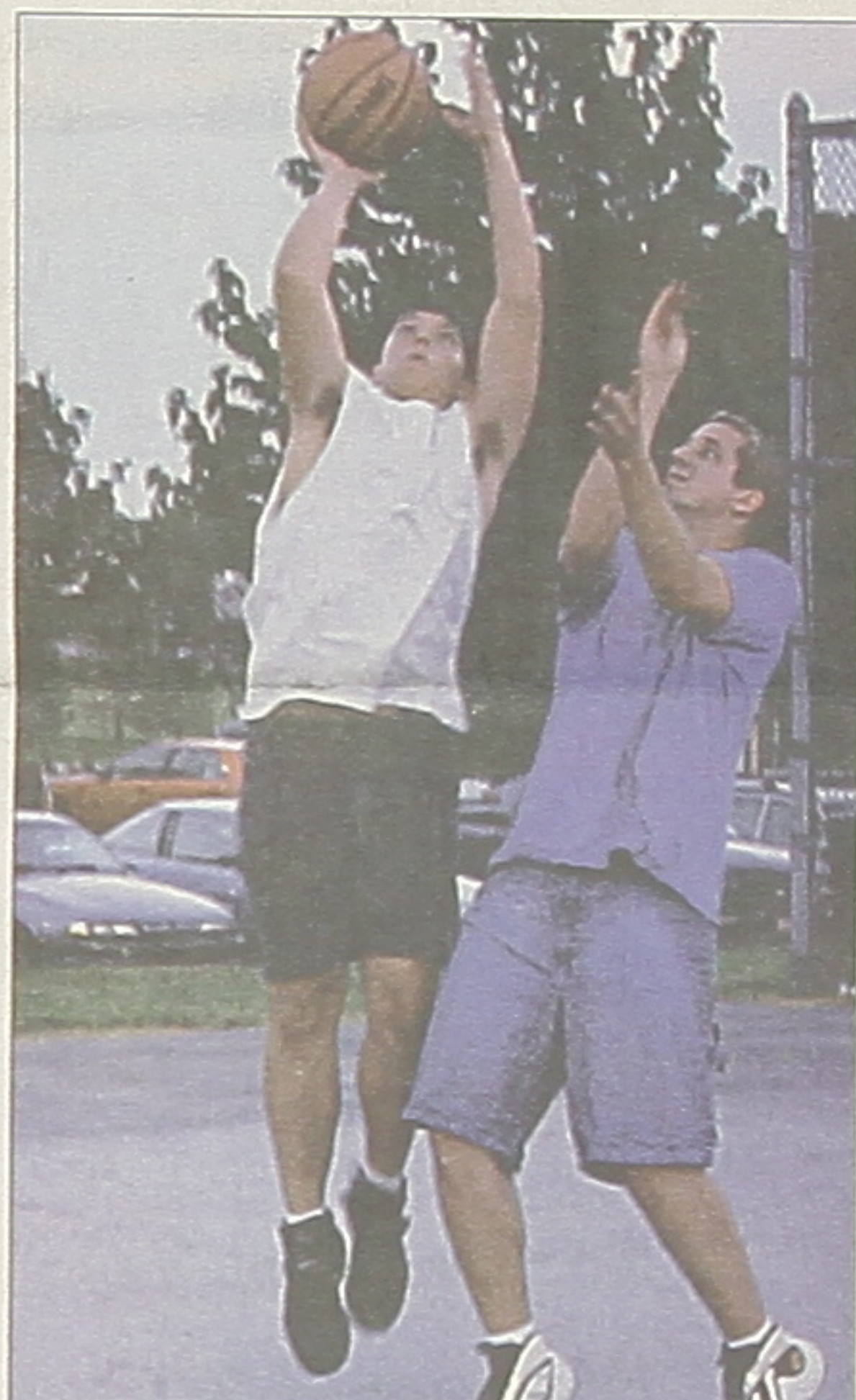
Last year, the fiscal year 1998 budget went through the same process. Southern's original request for its capital improvement budget was \$17,327,640. The CBHE recommended to the governor the College should receive

\$6,555,000. When the governor gave his budget proposal to the legislature, it didn't allow for any capital improvement funds to Southern.

After several months of debate, the legislature found \$250,000 in the budget for Southern, which was going to be used for planning the Spiva Library addition and Barn Theatre reconstruction. When the final budget was presented to the governor, he used his line item veto authority to scratch the \$150,000 for the library planning, but left the College with \$100,000 for planning the Barn Theatre.

"We obviously were disappointed with the final outcome," College President Julio Leon said. "But the governor had a problem with trying to provide the entire state with requested budgets. He had to make some tough decisions. We are hopeful that things will work out better this year." □

TAKIN' IT TO THE HOLE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

In a friendly pick-up basketball game at the residence halls, Stephen Bishop, freshman undecided major (left), drives past Eric Wirzberg, freshman business major on his way to scoring two.

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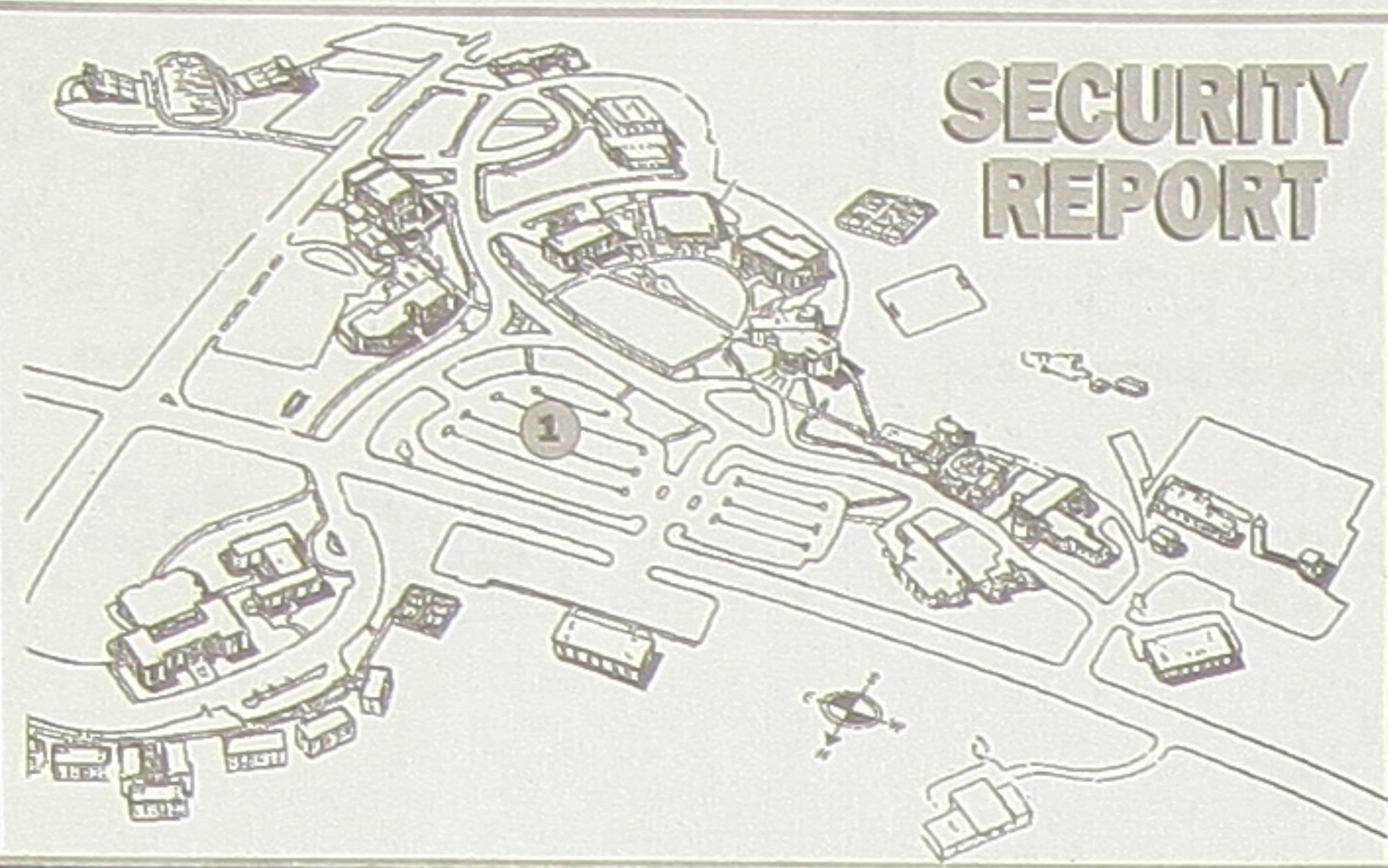
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Workshops help faculty

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Teaching is one of the many changing areas the world faces as the 21st century approaches its initial stage.

Missouri Southern officials recognize this fact and are preparing faculty workshops to change and improve the method of instruction.

"We try to bring people to the College who might share with our faculty new ways of teaching," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "The workshops improve our teachers, making them better, which in return is being reflected on our students in the classrooms."



Bitterbaum

This semester's theme for the faculty development series is teaching critical thinking skills.

"The data of our seniors who took an exit test have shown low scores on the critical thinking part," said Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department and co-director of the education center. "We would like to improve it and encourage more critical thinking into the active learning strategies that many faculty members use."

Critical thinking, however, is not just a question of instructors, said Iwona Drozdek, a senior economics and finance major.

It is also up to students who should engage in classroom discussions to start the critical thinking process, she said.

"You have to ask questions, select ideas about things you want to comprehend," Drozdek said.

"This helps you to improve critical thinking and gives you the necessary skills for the job interviews,

and jobs in general, that this dexterity," she said.

College faculty members ed their strategies for de critical thinking skills in students at a recent workshop.

The workshops "Lathrop-Johnson Comm Approach to Foreign Language Teaching" on Tuesday, "in the Discipline," a vidence with Dr. Gerald N the University of New Or Oct. 2; a presentation Anthony Yu from the U of Chicago on Oct. 1 "Building a Web Page" by Rod Surber, Southern bureau manager, on Oct. 2. Series scheduled for the of November include Writing Workshop" by Schmidt, Southern grants on Nov. 5; and "Inviting Success," a professional ment seminar by Dr. Betty president of Kennesaw University, on Nov. 21-22.

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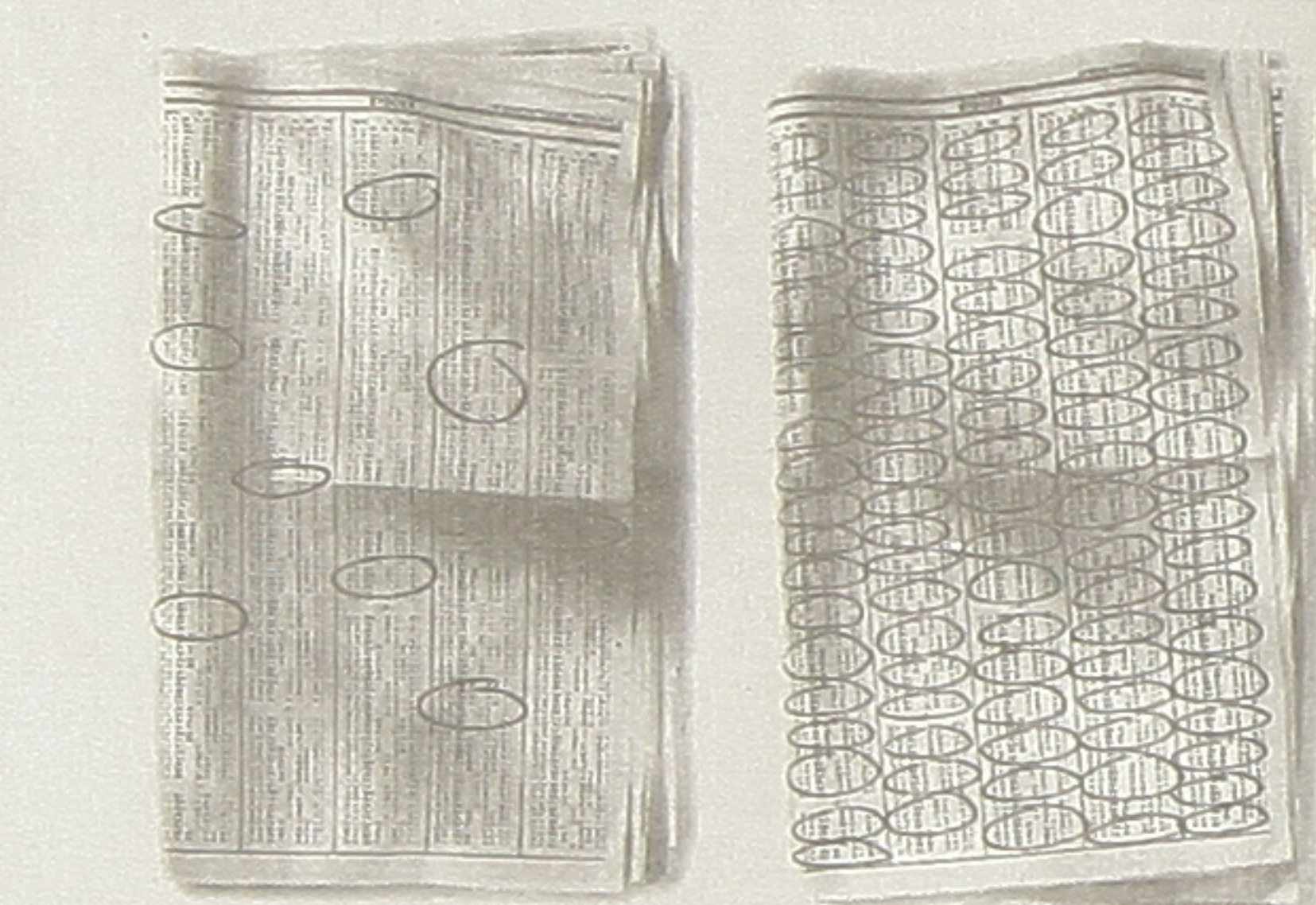
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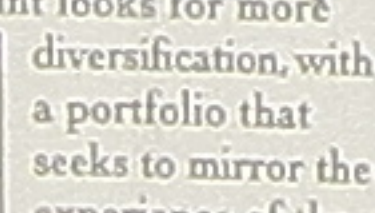
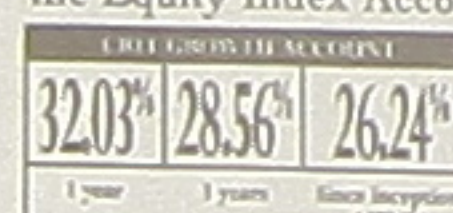
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Reaccreditation process hits final stages

Self-study results near completion

BY RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

After nearly two years, Missouri Southern has reached the final stages in the reaccreditation process for the college.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools regulates the accreditation of colleges and universities in 19 Midwestern states every 10 years.

"What we're doing now, and we've been engaged in this process for a couple of years, is a

self-study of the College," said Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department and co-coordinator of the study process. "The overall process is important for a college, just because it is the self-study aspect. It prompts the institution to look at itself and determine ways in which it could be better."

The final draft of the self-study document combines results of surveys, evaluations, and studies by a central steering committee and its subcommittees. Dr. J. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences and fellow coordinator with Griffin, estimated active involvement from 75 to 100 individuals.

The steering committee high-

lighted the College's international mission enhancements in the curriculum as a positive area. Future challenges are in strategic planning, funding and finance, and physical plant space.

"Our job is to find those weaknesses before they (North Central) do so we can say we recognize challenges and we have plans to work on them," Martin said.

A visit from North Central's liaison on Sept. 12 provided assistance with the self-study document and served another purpose.

"It helped instill in the faculty a sense of immediacy that this is not in the future anymore; it's almost here and time is running short," Martin said. "It builds up our ener-

gy and push to the end and also gives us feedback on what we've turned in."

On April 6, a team from North Central will arrive on campus to begin a three-day evaluation.

"We'll have a team of seven or eight people [from North Central] who will be here during that time," Martin said. "They will be reading our self-study, which is submitted in advance, in February, and they will be validating that self-study, checking to see if what we said in that actually meets what they see on campus."

Martin would like students to be aware of this upcoming visit. Team members will interview students at random and meet with

specific student groups.

"They're not going to be detailed questions that they might ask the president or me or a department head, but general feelings about faculty, instruction, and quality of instruction," he said.

After the team leaves campus, the College could have results by August, but it may be as late as November.

Griffin pointed out some of the pluses for accreditation.

"The big reason is for potential financial aid funding for students," she said. "You're not eligible for that if you are not going to an accredited college. Another main reason would be transferability of credits." □

British headmaster set for College visit

Horvath, students gear up for exchange with Great Britain

BY BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

In a field such as education, the phrase "international experience" can cause quite a stir, especially if this means bringing a headmaster from a British school to Missouri Southern. And sending student teachers from here to England.

Penny Orme, headmaster of Town Hill, an infant and primary school in England, comes to Missouri Southern Monday for a week's visit. He becomes the first of several British headmasters to visit.

Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor of education, is hailing this arrival as a milestone in the department's efforts to get this program rolling.

"Everyone's excited about it and they're anxious to ask her a lot of questions," she said. "It should be a real exchange of ideas."

Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of education, agrees.

"Penny is going to come as our first executive-in-residence," he said.

"We're going to take her and bring as much knowledge from her as we can and share it with the MSSC community."

"It will be mutually beneficial."

Orme faces a jam-packed schedule that includes presiding at aappa Delta Pi installation meeting with area teachers, principals, and superintendents, and participating in question and answer sessions for some education classes.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to spend time with her before I go to South Hampton. I'm not so much nervous as I am anxious to meet her."

Kena Sneathern
senior elementary education major

She leads a student teaching seminar at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

In conjunction with this visit, six Southern students are gearing up to join Orme at Town Hill school in England during late April and May where they will student teach for six weeks.

"I think it will be a wonderful exchange — a tremendous growth opportunity," Spencer said.

Kena Sneathern, senior elementary education major, prepares to meet Orme, whom she'll be visiting in England next semester.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to spend time with her before I go to South Hampton," she said. "I'm not so much nervous as I am anxious to meet her."

The six student teachers, along with Spencer, will spend time with Orme all this week.

"I've been visiting with her a lot since last February," Spencer said. "She's a delightful lady, very anxious to learn about the American school system."

"It's a wonderful opportunity." □

NEW RIG ON PATROL



Bill Boyer (right), chief of security, and officer Craig Richardson (left) display the new patrol truck purchased by the security department. Aside from patrolling the truck can also provide jump starts.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

ADMISSIONS

College tries to remove roadblocks

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The high cost of out-of-state tuition is a road block for many non-Missouri students wanting to attend Missouri Southern. The College has some options available to nearby residents of Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

"We try to offer as many opportunities as possible for potential Southern students," said Linda Steele, scholarship coordinator.

The Junior College Transfer Non-Resident Service Area Scholarship is available to students who have completed 55 or more hours from a junior college in the Southern service area. Applicants must also have a grade-point average of 3.25.

A Non-Resident Service Area Scholarship is an option for incoming freshmen. In order to receive this award, students must have an ACT composite score of 21.

"In both cases, students must have a 2.5 GPA for their first semester and a 3.0 for all semesters after," Steele said. "The scholarships cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition."

There are 22 counties in Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma that fall into the College's service area who are applicable for the scholarship.

Southern tuition for Missouri residents is \$72 per semester hour; for non-residents the fee is \$144.

A non-resident student who is awarded the scholarship and is taking 15 credit hours would save \$1,080.

Another avenue students often approach is the possibility of becoming Missouri residents, said Joy Braudaway, student accounts manager.

"The main question is why they are here in Missouri," Braudaway said. "Are they just here to go to college, or do they

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plan to make Missouri their home?"

The problem most students have with this option is they are being claimed as dependents by their parents in another state, Braudaway said.

A residency tax credit is also an option for out-of-state students. The tax credit is available if the student works in Missouri and pays Missouri income tax. Students would be awarded the amount they pay in taxes, she said.

This semester, 58 freshmen are taking advantage of the non-resident service scholarship and 33 students are on the transfer schol-

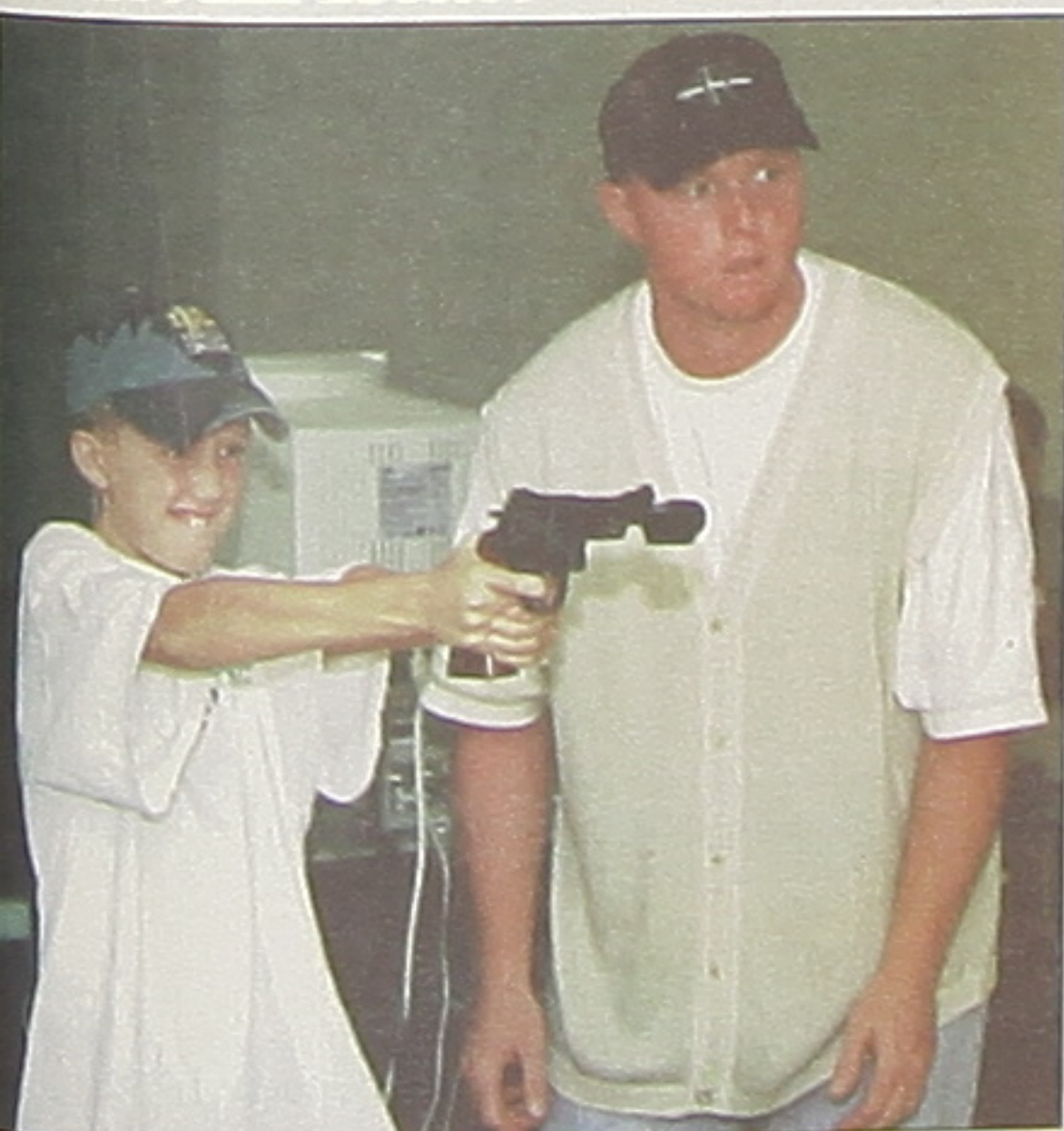
arship for non-residents, according to Steele.

There are no numbers available at this time for the exact amount of non-resident students attending Southern this semester. That information will be available after Monday, said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research.

"But last year there were 5,258 total students and 432 were not Missouri residents," Honey said.

"I don't expect the non-resident numbers to change drastically." □

DO YA FEEL LUCKY?



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Corey Kerwood, Joplin, gets a shooting lesson from Mickey Rantz, senior criminal justice major, during Saturday's Legacy Day.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

International Resource Center offering programs

The International Resource Center at Missouri Southern is sponsoring several free programs for children ages 9 to 15. German, Japanese, and Chinese classes will be offered, free of charge, at the Joplin Public Library and on the Southern campus.

A German class will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Joplin Public Library beginning Saturday. The class will be held in the "Storytime Room." The instructor will be Jeff Jamaeldine, a native German from Berlin.

Japanese classes are offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Webster Hall Room 306 on the Southern campus. The first class was held Tuesday. The instructor is Mayuka Ishii, a native Japanese speaker from Okinawa.

Victoria Liu, a native of China from Chongqing, instructs Chinese classes from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays in Webster Hall Room 306. The Chinese classes began Thursday.

The International Language Resource Center also is sponsoring a "Contemporary Foreign Film" class through the Southern continuing education division. The course meets from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Friday in Webster Hall Room 105 on campus. Cost for this course is \$15. There is no enrollment deadline.

Each week, the "Contemporary Foreign Film" class features new films from around the world followed by a discussion of the film. This program is in addition to the International Film Festival offered by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

For information about the "Contemporary Foreign Film" class or to enroll, persons may call (417) 625-9577. For information about the language classes, persons may call (417) 625-3109. □

Staff Assistants survive pre-semester training

Eighteen Missouri Southern students are prepared for just about anything residence hall life will throw their way after going through a week-long training session recently in preparation for the fall semester.

The 45 hours of training covered 25 topics designed to equip the SAs with the necessary skills to handle virtually any circumstance faced by the more than 600 students living on campus, according to Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing and the Student Life Center.

Some of the topics covered in the training were communication and teamwork, leadership, personal values, establishing community and responsibility, CPR and first aid, sexual assault, roommate conflicts, and alcohol and drug awareness.

Assisting with this year's SA training were members of the faculty and staff, the Joplin Police Department, and returning staff assistants.

Fifteen faculty and staff of Southern participated in presenting role-play scenarios in which the SAs assessed and responded according to their training procedures.

Considered paraprofessionals, the 18 SAs, all of whom are full-time students, are supervised by two full-time resident directors, Holley Goodnight, Carthage, and Ron Mitchell, Liberal.

SAs assist the residence hall community in emergencies, with peer counseling, and other daily experiences.

The residence hall Staff Assistants for 1997-98 are: Amy Graves, Christy Yun, Lori Rains, Matt McGee, Joetta Wigger, Danell Watson, Debby Hokanson, Liliana Valencia, Guy Grgrich, Nathan Camp, Heidi Stevens, Jason Young, Heather Merrell, Crysti Mizell, Anthony Martin, Eric Snyder, Jason Kiefer, and Josh Yamell. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Senior year not fun taking core classes

I'm finally a senior! Only 22 hours left. The only problems I have encountered this semester are the actual classes I'm taking.

So why am I taking them? They are all core classes — the ones I should have taken as a freshman or sophomore but put off to take those all-important communications classes with friends.

Now, I wouldn't change those classes for anything, but as I sit in my freshman-level class

thinking to myself what I should be doing rather than learning where the library is and how to do a little research, I must wonder why I didn't follow the "suggested order of study" in the College catalog. I've learned in



Deborah Solomon
Associate Editor

my years here that there is a reason the catalog suggests an order to take those classes.

The purpose of the core curriculum is to give students at Southern a liberal arts education and a balance between classes. Those core classes serve another purpose. They provide students the opportunity to get a flavor for different majors, meet many people from around the campus, and in general, receive a well-rounded education.

So how does taking classes in your major before core classes *not* allow you to receive all those benefits? The most obvious is that if you take your major classes first, you don't know what else is out there. Who knows, I could have been a marketing major instead of a communications major if I would have only taken economics my freshman year instead of last semester.

There are other drawbacks to taking major classes early, such as being the youngest in the class, or all the friends you make the first two years graduate and you have to get all new friends.

My advice for incoming students, even if you *think* you know what you want to do with the rest of your life, enjoy the first couple of years of school. You have plenty of time to make that final decision and stick to it. Many times students declare their majors as freshmen and have changed majors one, two, or even three or more times by graduation.

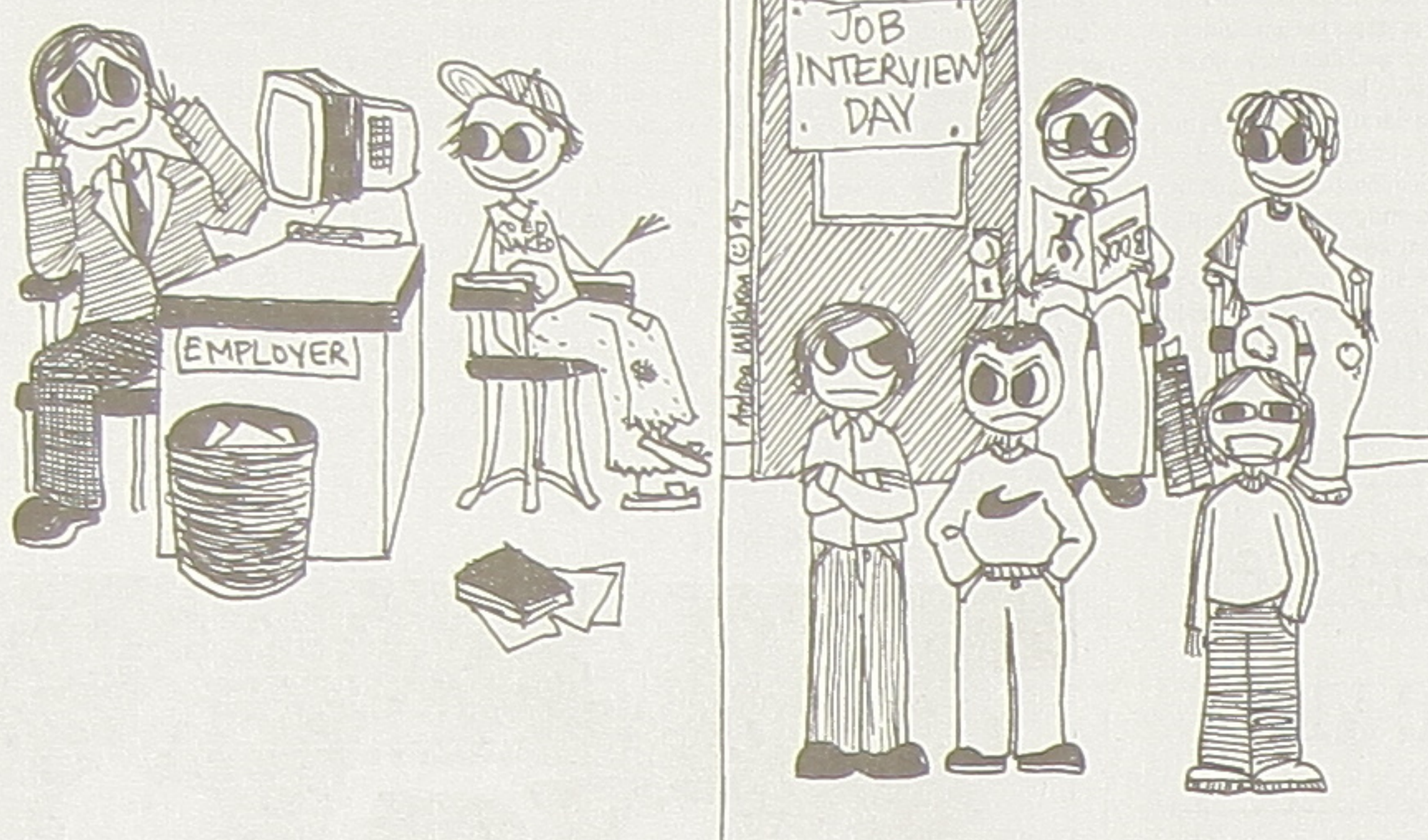
Why put all that effort into a major, when chances are you will change it before graduation? I happen to be one of the lucky ones; I'm in my fifth year and still in the same major. I started with, but I must say my emphasis has changed. Originally, I wanted to be a photographer, nothing else. Now I know there is more out there.

With my degree, I can do any number of things from journalism to public relations to working with a community-based program such as the Boys and Girls Club. I didn't have to change my major because my major encompasses many diverse job opportunities.

However, I do wish I would have had more time in the first years of school to take my "outside" classes more seriously, take more classes that interested me, and even to socialize. And now as I go back and take those classes I skipped over in my excitement of getting into my major, I don't feel it is fair to my instructors.

I get bored in some classes because the pace is slower or the subject just doesn't apply to me because I'm almost done. I'm also missing out on the new friends I've made; I don't get to take any classes with them.

Just remember, four or five years seems like a long time, but if you rush in with your eyes wide open, you may miss something you will regret for a lifetime. ☐



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Even more to learn

In the topsy-turvy world of business and careers, it's becoming more evident with each passing day that the qualities of potential employees are changing with the times.

It's a student's responsibility to keep up with those changing needs. No longer is the appearance of the applicant the main ingredient employers are looking at when making a hiring decision. It's so many things now that students should feel overwhelmed when preparing for a job interview.

Those core classes everyone complains about at the beginning of the collegiate career are turning out to be the most important classes students can take. Sure they may seem mundane at times, but when the time comes for a job interview, it is going to be those mundane courses that will come in the best.

Communication skills are listed at the top of the desired lists of most corporations. Not just communication, but interpersonal communication, small-group communication, foreign language communication, and communication of all kinds are being sought.

The skills a student picks up in his or her major are important, but when being hired for a position that requires those skills, it seems only obvious the applicant should have those. Employers are looking for applicants who have gone above and beyond. The applicants who have learned a second language, worked with civic or campus organizations, paid their own way through college, or can manage a conversation without sweating bullets looks better to employers than applicants who graduated with a 4.0, has a firm handshake, and can tie a tie.

Being well-rounded as a human being and not just a student of some trade is important. The need grows everyday for applicants who have the experience to go along with the drive.

Students can no longer rely on the course work in their major to make an impression on employers; instead, they have to show they have an interest in what affects the world.

The world is changing, and the business world is trucking right along with it. Missouri Southern students need to hop aboard or they're going to get run over. ☐

Give it up for the CBHE

Missouri's state legislators could take a lesson from the experiences of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's mission enhancement program.

For the first time in many decades, politicians put aside their partisan differences and worked together to bring something unique and wonderful to higher education. However, instead of partisan politics, it became a conflict of locale. St. Louis, Kansas City, and Columbia politicians ganging up on the politicians from other regions to ensure that the colleges and universities in their districts were being given the same treatment.

Why couldn't they see that if everyone in higher education was basically unified on the issue, there didn't need to be a fight over the funding?

Greed. Pure and simple. Politicians in the statehouse bickering over who should get the largest slice of pie. They should have taken the recommendations of everyone involved with the mission enhancement programs and let it sail through the statehouse. Instead, campuses are being besieged with requests from government officials to see the

results of the enhancement even before the the projects get under way.

Missouri Southern was not alone in its battle to bring something worthwhile to this campus. Southwest Missouri State University also met opposition when it tried to enhance its mission with a public affairs component.

Dr. Kala Stroup, the CBHE's commissioner, has done the state well by setting forth a plan that will eliminate duplicated programs at the various campuses that dot the state. No longer will the University of Missouri system hold a death grip on the initiation of all programs at the higher education level.

Surprisingly, the University of Missouri system is fine with that.

They realize the need to downsize and offer the best to their students. There are plenty of capable professors who can teach, and they are not all at Mizzou.

That is the thrust of the mission enhancement program. To offer students at a campus something they couldn't get anywhere else. It has begun to work and can continue to work, but it takes the Missouri legislature to have some faith in someone else beside themselves. ☐

IN PERSPECTIVE

Anything boys can do, Sen officers can

When I was elected president of the Student Senate last spring, it did not seem that everyone would be so shocked that the position was going to be held by a woman. To top it off, it turned out that for the first time in Missouri Southern's history, all four executive officers are female as well.

I realize that Sandy, Jill, Melissa, and I have made a place in Student Senate's time line as the first all-female executive board; at the same time, I feel people should have been just as surprised if the executive board was all male, or half male and half female (like last year's executive board), or any other combination.

Believe it or not, women are perfectly capable of filling leadership, executive, or any other type of positions in society. This includes Missouri Southern State College.

There is a common ground that leaders, male or female, share. Good leaders believe in themselves, and they take self-confidence to guide others. Leaders are also able to articulate a vision. Leaders are also dedicated. Leaders are also hard working. Leaders are those selected few who meet qualifications above. Therefore, gender is not an issue.

I read an article recently about women and their role as leaders. It covered something that holds true for me. Carol Stephenson, president of Stentor Resources Centre Inc., presented a speech to the Women of Influence luncheon in October 1997. She stated that "the female role is a mix of old and new. Traditional virtues, such as self-confidence, hard work, remain important. But new strengths that women bring become crucial for success. These include an ability to listen, a skill in mediating between conflicting views, and an ability to brighten the workplace with a new sense of style."

People have this preconceived notion that an all-female government might not last the time. Yes, we may have our differences occasionally, but we are mature enough to work through any differences and not let them interfere with our duties on Senate. Every government has conflicting ideas, but that's what makes it so interesting. Conflict leads to discussion, new ideas, and compromise.

"The person on top of the mountain didn't fall there." My mom read this to me a couple of weeks ago, and it was truly inspirational to me. Leaders are the top by setting goals and sticking to those goals until they are achieved. Success doesn't just happen.

Many men may disagree, but all successful executive officers are perfectly capable of achieving what any man can achieve. No, I'm not talking about sports or anything. I'm talking about setting goals, achieving them, and working our way to the top. This statement, again, has absolutely nothing to do with gender; it has everything to do with motivation.

When it comes to presiding over the Student Senate, I obviously don't feel gender is an issue. I will go out of my way to be a leader and accomplish everything presented to me by the students at Missouri Southern. I can honestly say that the whole executive board will be the same, not to prove a point that females can hold leadership positions, but because that is our duty as officers of the Student Senate. ☐

Eileen Cor
Student Senate
President

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“It was laser red with a light gray leather interior, and it was loaded.”

Last T-bird rolls off line

Ford Motor Company stops production of its most famous name-plate model after forty-two years on the highways

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When Ford Motor Company decided in March to discontinue production of its longest-running nameplate, the Thunderbird, car enthusiasts' reactions were mixed.

Ford's decision to stop making the T-bird, along with three other models — Mercury Cougar, Probe, and Aerostar — came about because of a decline in sales of the company's larger mid-specialty coupes, according to Ford spokesman Jim Bright.

The Thunderbird, in 1977, accounted for about 12 percent of Ford's total sales,” Bright said. “Those sales had dropped to less than 2 percent in the last few years. Public interest has shifted more toward sport utility vehicles and mini-vans, like the Windstar.”

The last T-bird rolled off the assembly line, in Ford's production plant in Lorain, Ohio, on Sept. 4.

“It was laser red with light gray leather interior, and it was loaded,” Bright said. “It had an AM-FM stereo-cassette deck, aluminum wheels, and a 4.6-liter, V-8 engine.”

Ford donated the car to Classic Thunderbird Collectors International, the largest Thunderbird club in the world.

“One of their members already owns the first Thunderbird,” Bright said.

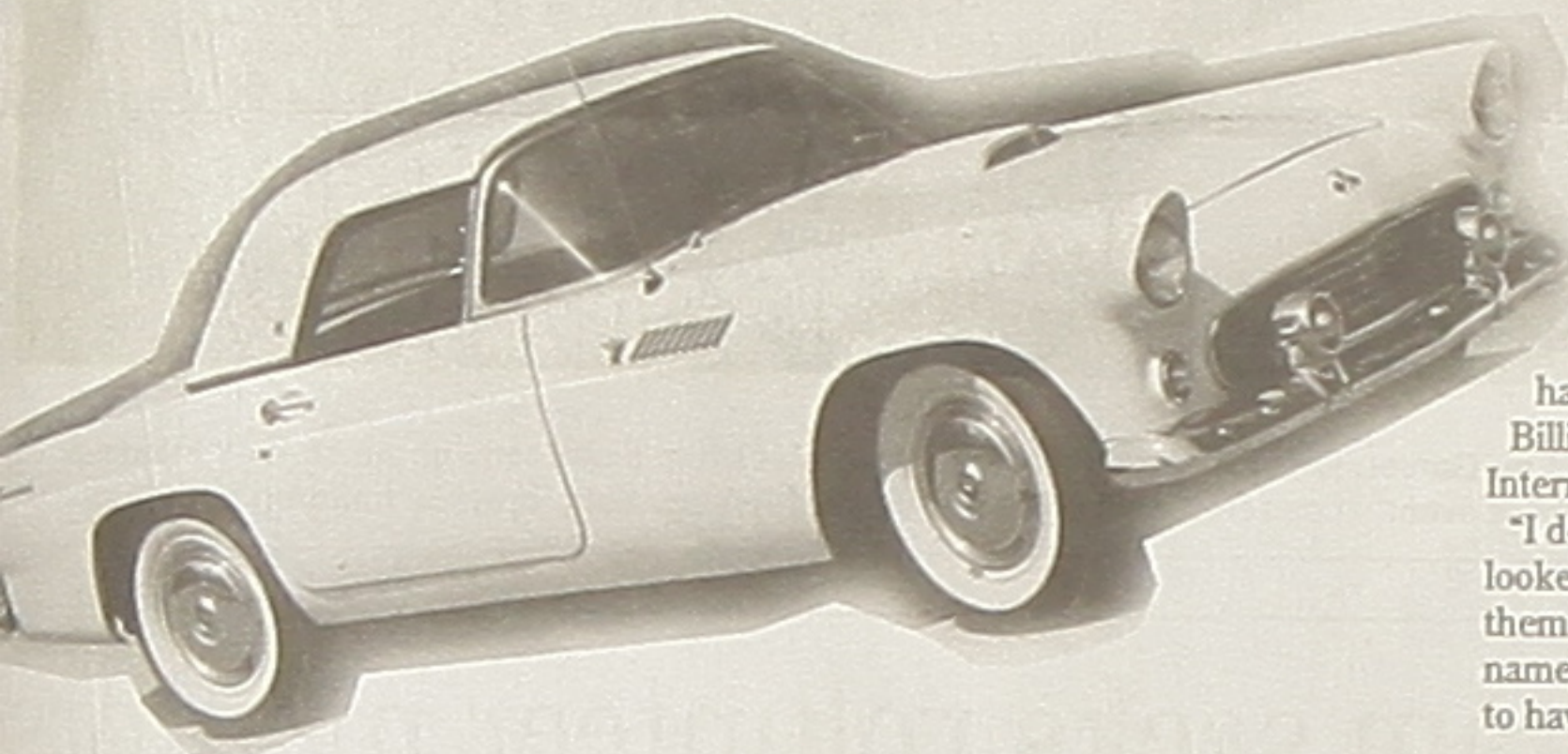
The club plans to exhibit the first and last models of Ford's most famous nameplate car together.

Jim Bright
Ford spokesman

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Ford introduced the Thunderbird in 1954 as a 1955 model. For the first three model years, 1955-57, it was a two-seater sports coupe. The first three models came with two removable tops, a hard top and a “rag-top.” Suzanne Sommers drove a 1957 T-bird in the movie *American Graffiti*.

In 1958, the car gained a back seat. Since then it has been through several metamorphoses. Through the early '60s it was a mid-size sports coupe. After 1966, the T-bird could no longer be purchased with a convertible top.



In 1967 the first four-door Thunderbird was introduced and it grew to full size. From '67-'69 a customer could buy a new two-door hard-top T-bird or one with suicide doors.

Ford discontinued production of four-door models in 1971.

Throughout the '70s and most of the '80s the Thunderbird remained a full-sized luxury sedan.

In 1989, the body style changed again to the mid-sized sedan that continued up until two weeks ago.

Tricia Heitzman, a cosmetologist at

Hairbenders in Joplin, was given a 1957 T-bird by her husband as a Christmas present in 1972.

“We were living in California, and I saw it at a car lot,” she said. “I knew I wanted it. My husband said, ‘Why don't you let me buy you a new one?’ but I said ‘No, I want that

Thunderbird.’ So, on Christmas morning, it was sitting in

the driveway with a big bow on it.”

Heitzman still drives the car to work and on errands. She has no intention of parting with it.

“I think her plan is to be buried in it,” said Bill Currie, Heitzman's son-in-law.

Her husband maintains the car and, in the past few years, has rebuilt the engine and painted it. Heitzman doesn't mind that Ford has stopped making the Thunderbird.

“After they quit making that car (the two-seater), I didn't think they were very pretty anyway,” she said. “That's really my preference.”

But there are some Thunderbird buffs who don't relish the idea of Ford taking the T-bird away.

“I've owned two Thunderbirds,” said Jeff Billington, junior communications major at Missouri Southern. “My first was a 1985, and I have a 1992 currently.”

Billington belongs to the Thunderbird International car club, on the Internet at www.thunderbird.com.

“I don't like it that they're discontinuing them right now,” he said. “But I looked into it when they first announced they were going to discontinue them. I saw that Ford was probably going to reinstate the Thunderbird nameplate, and everything I've heard says it will be a two-seater. I'd love to have a two-seater Thunderbird.” □

Nuts & Bolts

Classic style could make comeback

Somehow I missed Ford's announcement of the company's plans to discontinue its production of the Thunderbird, so when I was watching the news a couple of weeks

ago, it came as quite a shock when I learned the last one had already rolled off the production line.

I have always loved classic cars, and the Thunderbird was one of the classiest, especially the 1955-57 models. I couldn't imagine why anyone would want to chuck it, at least not without trying a new design or something.

Since its inception in 1954, the Ford Thunderbird has been an American icon. The Beach Boys sang its praises with “and we'll have fun, fun, fun, till her daddy takes the T-bird away.” Suzanne Sommers drove one in *American Graffiti*. The car has been identified as being as American as apple pie and hot dogs for three generations of Americans. How could anyone just dispose of anything that firmly rooted in our culture?

I don't know how old I was when I first saw a Thunderbird, but I do remember the car. The car was a bright red, early 1960s, rag-top model. It was gorgeous.

Since then I've seen a lot of T-birds and driven two or three of them. I even hit a deer with my mom's '67 one night. I just tapped him. Mom couldn't even tell I hit anything.

Of course the early models were the best models. It was a shame when Ford halted production of the two-seater, but the early-to-mid '60s models were still some of the greatest looking cars I've ever had the pleasure of admiring.

While working on writing about the demise of the T-bird for this week's *Chart*, I talked to several people who said they thought Ford never should have discontinued the two-seater. I tend to agree with that line of thinking.

The T-bird was introduced to compete with the Chevrolet Corvette, which was first produced for the 1953 model year. I don't know who decided the '58 model should suddenly have a back seat, but it probably wasn't the best executive decision ever made at Ford Motor Company.

Evidently, they learned some lessons from the Thunderbird's multiple incarnations. I mean, they've never, so far, redesigned the Mustang to be a luxury sedan.

Even though the company won't confirm it, it looks certain that when the T-bird is resurrected it will be a two-seater sports coupe again.

This seems to be the foremost reason T-bird buffs aren't singing no more fun, fun, fun now that Ford took the T-bird away.

If the Thunderbird actually returns as a two-seater, it's going to be the answer to every car enthusiast's prayers.

I know I've always dreamed of owning one. □



Kevin Coleman
Associate Editor

RACING FEATURE

Doubledee takes green flag after near-fatal crash

By TERESA BLAND
CO-DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Gertie is 27 years old. Her wrinkles show that she has lived on the edge. Sometimes when you race through life, you get rusty in some areas.

Jennifer Doubledee doesn't care what Gertie looks like; she loves the battered, multi-colored 1970 Ford Galaxy.

“We bought her at a farm sale from an old lady named Gertie Sullivan, and the car has taken on her personality,” she said. “She has seen over 17 races since we've had her.”

Doubledee, a junior biology major at Missouri Southern, started racing this year. She runs Gertie in the women's class at Northfork Speedway, located 10 miles north of Stone's Corner.

“They developed a new class called the ‘superbombers,’” she said. “If you have a car that runs, you knock the windows out of it, put a bar in the door, paint it, and get out on the track.”

Doubledee's life was turned upside down last year because of a near-fatal car accident two days before the fall 1996 semester started. She was at the junction of Highways 126 and 43, going toward Lamar, when she was broadsided on the driver's side door at 65 mph.

“The guy didn't stop or slow down,” she said. “They say that I never saw him coming because I didn't hit my brakes.”

The accident left her conscious but unaware of her surroundings for four days.

“I broke my pelvis in seven places, so they put in four bolts and screwed me together. I had a bar across to keep me stable,” Doubledee said. “I had to stay in bed almost all the time, laying at a 30-degree angle.”

Doubledee's parents think that racing is the best medicine for their daughter.

“Being out there helps her to become a better driver,” Ruby, her mother, said. “I'm excited for her because she enjoys doing it.”

Stephen, Doubledee's father, agrees she is learning to driver better, and as her pit crew boss, he knows. “I fix the car, so I know it's safe to drive,” he said.

Of the three races that she competed in this summer, Doubledee won one.

“I started last in sixth position and I passed five cars in five laps and won the race coming out of the fourth corner,” she said. “The lady that I beat is an elementary teacher at Carl Junction, and she swore that I would never beat her again.”

The fear of being involved in another accident has always been in the back of Doubledee's mind.

“I don't remember my car accident because I had some pretty severe head trauma, and I was scared that if I got hit in my door on the track, it would bring something back and I wouldn't be able to drive,” she said.

In the last race, the teacher from Carl Junction ran into Doubledee on the driver's side door. “She tried to take me out,” she said.

Doubledee felt no fear. “We don't race as hard as the guys do, but we sure have a good time.” □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Jennifer Doubledee, junior biology major, races her 1970 Ford Galaxy, “Gertie” in the “superbomber class,” at Northfork Speedway. Doubledee has raced three races, and won one since being in a near-fatal crash.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 19

Intramurals soccer league deadline
•Child Development Center open house
1:30 p.m.—
Deadline to buy \$5 ticket to CAB Renaissance Festival trip
7 p.m.—
Volleyball vs. Washburn University

Saturday 20

CAB Trip: Renaissance Festival
•Cross Country hosts Jocks Nitch Missouri Southern Stampede
11 a.m.—
Volleyball vs. Emporia State University
1:30 p.m.—
Football at Northwest Missouri State University

Sunday 21

2 p.m.—
Soccer vs. University of Missouri-Rolla
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 22

Gift of Life Day blood drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., BSC third floor.
3 p.m.—
Intramurals soccer meeting
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 23

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
4:30 p.m.—
Soccer at Southwest Baptist University
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 24

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—
All-campus ice cream social hosted by President and Mrs. Leon, BSC 310.
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
Noon—
CAB meeting, BSC 306
Noon—
Academics Anonymous, sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, Heames Hall, Room 224
9 p.m.—
Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 25

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

EDUCATION

Chapter receives award for excellence

Rho Sigma shines among 500 national education chapters

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Rho Sigma, Missouri Southern's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, was chosen to receive an award for group excellence and philanthropic involvements.

Every two years, 10 of the more than 500 Kappa Delta Pi national

chapters are chosen to receive the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) award for membership, chapter programs, service activities, and society participation.

Kaye Abight, counselor and sponsor of Rho Sigma, submitted a portfolio documenting the group's accomplishments during 1996-97.

The portfolio highlights include what started out as a simple project for Reading Is Fundamental Week (RIF) involving the Boys and Girls Club in Joplin.

Initially, members planned to go into the club and read books to the children.

But when some of the members of Rho Sigma discovered the unorganized condition the club's library was in, they decided that something must be done in addition to their original plan.

"We walked into the library and it was a mess," said April Davidson, president of Rho Sigma. "Books lying everywhere; kids couldn't enjoy the books when they were in such disarray ... so we went in and set [the library] up."

The chapter's work proved effective.

Books of various subjects are shelved and organized in a sim-

pler fashion, and children are responding favorably to the new changes.

The RIF week project evolved into a more challenging effort, but Tiffany Humbard, vice president of Rho Sigma, said members didn't complain because they found the work rewarding.

"We pulled books out, sorted them, and encouraged [the children in the Boys and Girls Club] to read," Humbard said. "I think all of [the members of Rho Sigma] really got a lot out of it," she said.

The project was such a success that Rho Sigma is pondering

whether its involvement with library maintenance and help at the Boys and Girls Club should be an annual project for their group.

"[Rho Sigma] might like something every fall to make an annual thing," Davidson doesn't know, but I think members of Rho Sigma got a lot out of the experience.

Rho Sigma will receive a letter of commendation and be recognized at Kappa Delta Pi's 1997 Convention Nov. 14-16 in St. Louis.

The chapter's program accomplishments will be featured in future society publications.

BUSINESS

New club dabbles in dollars

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Buying and selling stocks and bonds will be the main activities of Missouri Southern's new Investment Club.

"It is being formed merely for the educational purposes of the students," said Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of business. "They'll learn how to invest, when to buy, and when to sell."

The club will make up a partnership that will include Southern students who must be members of the Finance Club, faculty, staff, alumni, and other people associated with the College, Jaswal said.

He said the idea for the club originated with himself; Richard Rawlins, assistant professor of business; and Dr. Richard La Near, professor of business.

Jaswal said in order to join, each member must invest a minimum amount.

"The minimum is \$25 and the maximum for a student in college is \$500," he said. "Those who are not students have no limit."

Jaswal said the voting partners shall consist of the active student members only, and they will make all management and investment decisions. The nonvoting members shall consist of partners who are not Southern students.

"We talked about doing it about three years ago, and then it didn't go through," said Tim Hansen, senior economics/finance and criminal justice major. "Now we have the material that should get it started."

"But there is no faculty involvement at all," he added. "All the decisions will be made by the students."

Hansen believes this will be a positive learning experience for him and the students who follow.

"It'll give us a chance to actually get some experience," he said. "It's going to be something that is going to perpetuate regardless of who's here." □

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

IS IT HALLOWEEN ALREADY?



Dominic Box is the picture of concentration as Lou Garver, junior theatre/business major, gives him a perfectly ghoulish look in one of the classes offered for Legacy Day, Sept. 13. The pilot event, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, drew 55 children and 48 adults.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hammons Program seeks volunteer mentors

Students connect with 'at-risk' youth

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

A commitment of time is what it takes for Kelly Wilson, assistant director of counseling, and her Missouri Southern mentors to have an impact on the children in the Hammons Mentor Program.

"There have been times when I have had someone (mentee) in the hospital and been there day and night with them," she said.

The program is designed to provide student mentors from

Southern for 'at risk' children. The mentors must encourage, listen, and provide guidance on a one-to-one basis.

"When it's not convenient, we still have a commitment to give our time," Wilson said.

She explains that "at risk" individuals provide Southern students with a touch of real life.

Often barriers exist that must be dealt with before the Southern student can make a positive impact on his or her assigned mentee's life.

It takes a time commitment to achieve a solid trusting relationship that a phone call just can't do.

"The mentors learn we-ism instead of me-ism," Wilson said.

When the Hammons program

started, many of the children were lacking goals.

"I want you to succeed," Wilson would tell the children. "I'll make a goal, you make a goal, let's commit to each other."

A training program for mentors is mandatory before they're introduced to their mentee.

Communication skills such as listening, role playing, and multicultural stresses are among topics discussed. Wilson changes the training from year to year to keep current and fresh.

When ready, the mentors step into their mentee's life. It often means interfacing with their teachers, parents, and friends.

"When the kids were little, we

had to get homework assignments from their teachers so we could help them learn good study habits," Wilson remembers.

The Hammons program started with 45 children. There are currently 25 enrolled.

Tracy Wood, junior in school education major, is a year mentor in the Hammons program. He joined the program before he knew he received upper-division credit hours for it.

Wood intends to see his mentee after he graduates from Southern and is out of the Hammons program.

"It's an absolutely great program, and I wish more people would sign up," Wood said. □



Michael Noell, senior education major, presides at a meeting of students interested in a collegiate 4-H club. The new club, one of only three in the state, plans to focus on public service projects.

By JALYN HIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern is trying something only two other colleges in the state have done before: start a collegiate 4-H club.

Michael Noell, senior education major, and Orvie Freer, adviser of the Missouri Southern Collegiate 4-H club, are in charge of getting the new club off to a good start.

Southern students have been interested in an on-campus 4-H group for some time.

Noell, a transfer student from Central Missouri State University, brought the idea with him and is hopeful the new club will succeed.

Noell said he could see the good 4-H was doing at CMSU by getting students involved in teaching others and helping them learn leadership skills.

"On this level, 4-H focuses on leadership abilities," he said. "We do a lot of

community service, especially with local organizations."

There are many activities planned for the new club. Organizers plan to conduct many fund-raisers throughout the year, host a conference for local organizations in January, and schedule a volleyball tournament in February.

Most activities are centered around the members having fun while helping others.

There are no membership dues to join the new club. All students are welcome to participate even if they were not a 4-H member before.

"We encourage membership in the next month so we can elect officers," Freer said.

If students are interested about joining or have any questions, they should contact Noell at 659-9341. There also is an ad in *The Chart* every two weeks telling the time, date, and location of the next meeting. □

Poet balances workload

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

Balancing a career and a family can be a difficult task for any woman. For most of these women, having time for hobbies may almost seem impossible.

Kim Horner Nicolas is an exception. She is not only an adjunct instructor of English at Missouri Southern, but also a wife, mother, and a full-time poet.

Horner Nicolas, a Southern graduate, found herself in a unique position upon returning to teach at the College.

Some of her former instructors are now her colleagues.

Dr. Elliott Denniston, professor of English, is one such instructor.

"Kim was and still is intensely interested in literature and fascinated with writing," he said.

Horner Nicolas' fascination with writing is what drives her.

"Writing is what runs my life," she said.

"I love making the language do what it was meant to do."

Busy is a word often associated with Horner Nicolas.

"Right now I'm spending a lot of time teaching," she said. "I'm having to confine my writing to the week-ends."

While most dread getting up much before 7 a.m., Horner Nicolas' alarm rings much earlier.

"I get up at five o'clock every morning so I have time to write, to take care of my kids, and to grade papers," she said.

Recently, Horner Nicolas has added another activity to her already long list.

She is the co-editor of the new literary magazine *Portable Plateau*. Horner Nicolas has several poetry submissions in its first issue.

She has also had several other poems published in other small press literary magazines, such as *The Midwest Quarterly* and *The Georgetown Review*.

This month she also has a short piece of fiction coming out in Oklahoma State University's *Midwest Review*.

Horner Nicolas writes poetry out of her pure love of it, but she also has set goals for herself in writing.

"I hope to one day have an audience who reads and cares about poetry," she said.

Horner Nicolas admires such poets as Sylvia Plath, Wallace Stevens, and e.e. cummings.

"Most poets look for literary parents," she said.

"They read to find somebody they recognize."

Writing is an ongoing process in Horner Nicolas' life.

"Writing is a consuming thing," she said.

"Even when you're not writing, you're looking for material, you're watching for imagery, and you're filing things away."

Whether she's teaching a class or spending time with her family, Horner Nicolas' writing is not far from her mind.

"Writing is what I am," she said. "It's not just what I do." □



AARON DESLATT/The Chart

Kim Horner Nicolas, an instructor at Missouri Southern, tries to get inspiration from the environment around her at the College campus.

LOCAL SCENE



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

David Boyer (left) and Todd Wilkerson set up their equipment for a show at the Java House, 527 Main St.

Coffee house opens doors...again

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Three sisters fulfilled their childhood dream as they reopened the Java House, 527 Main, three weeks ago. Rhonda Heriford, 29, Tanya Brewsder, 32, and Twyla Moore, 40, co-own and operate the two-dining-room coffee house.

"Since I was 15 years old I had a dream of opening a place teenagers could go without alcohol, a place set in a family atmosphere," Heriford said.

Open mike nights offer customers an artistic outlet. At 8 p.m.

Fridays, anyone may take the stage, sing, or speak. Mondays are open debate night. Chess class precedes the debate at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the instruction.

"We would like students [or any amateur writer] to bring in original poetry works," Moore said. "We plan a weekly or monthly newsletter so we can help writers get their name in print."

A creative wall at the back of the band room is filled with patrons' verse and comments. Artists may add their insight or display art, Moore said.

"Customers like to leave their mark, saying 'I was here,'" she said.

The sibling trio have a music history. In their early years, the girls moved frequently because their father was

a youth minister and choir director. He devoted his life to starting new youth and singing groups all over Missouri. Therefore they endured several uprootings and family transplants.

"We play Christian, jazz, and classical music. If you bring a CD, we'll play it," Heriford said.

Elijah Cry, a local rock band, performed last week. Forthcoming, the Java House plans blues entertainers and Christian rock groups.

"Admission is a \$1 to \$2 cover charge. Big-name entertainers will cost around \$5 per person," Heriford said.

"A lunch special, two new drinks, and cheesecake have been added to our existing standbys: the muffins, bagels, and cinnamon rolls. Our new best seller is the buzz beans, a candy-coated coffee bean eaten for a quick wake-up," Heriford said.

A common Java House scene consists of students huddled over a clutter of books and notes. Study group conversations detour to discussions of dating or playful jokes.

"We just got out of church and came over here to study. The atmosphere is different from the old Java House, but we like the new decor here, too," said Amy Jones, a 16-year-old Carl Junction student.

Patrons may order a cup of Joe, or tea, and a cinnamon roll any day of the week. They can pull up a couch, enjoy friendly conversation with friends, or even make a few new ones. □

IN YOUR EYE



Realism saves gloomy plotline

Southern's first play of the year scores points for performances

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Southern's first theatre performance for the year, *The Middle Ages*, debunks the old adage, "All's well that ends well." Billed as a romantic comedy, the play might better be described as a dark comedy, as the title suggests.

Jason Engstrom, sophomore theatre major, and Mariah Kissel, junior music major, portray Barney and Eleanor, a couple who struggles for 30 years to admit and express their love.

When they finally get together in the last scene, however, the lost years cast a gloomy shadow on what should be a happy ending.

In spite of a plot that gets bogged down with heavy-handed symbolism and a complex web of twisted relationships, strong acting performances keep the story alive.

Engstrom shines as the quirky Barney, an endearing cross between Jerry Lewis and Jim Carrey, complete with all the facial contortions.

He has excellent support from Kissel, as well as from Brandon Davidson and Heather Haar, both senior theatre majors.

All four actors portray the 30-year time span of their characters with accuracy.

Engstrom cleverly masters the awkward lankiness of a 16-year-old, and Davidson makes an easy leap to a stooped old man.

Much of the success of this play, however, belongs to the behind-the-scenes people, especially the set construction and costume crews.

The one-room scene of a trophy room in a men's club is meticulous in detail and beautifully designed. As the main symbol of the play, the set carries a greater significance here than in many other plays, and it far exceeds the expectations.

Southern's costume designers also found just the right outfits to depict the appropriate era, from the tailored classic look of the 40s to the polyester revolution of the 70s.

The play will be performed tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium. For ticket information, persons may call 625-3190. □

Coming Attractions

On Campus



Performances

Sept. 17-20—The Middle Ages, Talor Auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Oct. 15-18—Les Liaisons Dangereuses
Dec. 6, 7—The Stolen Prince
Jan. 28-31—The Runner Stumbles

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Films
Sept. 30—Man of Marble
Oct. 14—Judex
Oct. 28—The Murderers Are Among Us

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Sept. 25—Student Recital
Sept. 30—Faculty Voice Recital - Carol Cook
Oct. 2—Lect./Demo., Angeles String Quartet
Oct. 7—Senior Recital - Joanie Martin, Piano
Oct. 9—Student Recital

Joplin



Concert

■ September 21—Clay Walker and Lee Ann Womack, Memorial Hall

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Every Tuesday—Blues Jam, open mic for musicians
Sept. 19-20—Steve Malcolm and the Sightations
Sept. 26-27—King Friday

THE BYPASS 624-9095

Sept. 20—Pumpkin Head
Sept. 27—Walking on Einstein
Oct. 3—Trout

Carthage

POWERS MUSEUM

Sept. 16 - Oct. 26—Museum of American Quilter's Society exhibit

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Sept. 20—BE with King Friday

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Sept. 20—311 and Fishbone
Sept. 26—Pantera with Machine head and Coal Chamber



Career Development Day

All events take place October 1 & 2 in the Billingsly Student Center

Wednesday, October 1, 1997

Networking Reception 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
This is a good opportunity for you to meet potential employers and practice your networking skills! Professional Dress is recommended.

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Career Booth Visitation 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
About 100 local and national employers will be visiting our campus to help you learn more about various careers. Approximately fifteen graduate schools will also be here. Don't miss this excellent networking and educational opportunity!

Showcase of Majors 9:00 a.m. to Noon
For undeclared students or those thinking of changing their major, the showcase of majors will provide lots of good information about the great majors offered at MSSC.

Career Break-out Sessions 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Learn more about specific career fields of interest to you! Question and answer sessions with selected employers are designed to help students learn about specific careers and ask questions of professionals who work in those career fields.

Time	BSC 310	BSC 311	BSC 313	BSC 314	BSC 306
9:00 a.m.	Accounting Recent Grads	Economics & Finance Careers	Careers in Social Science	Careers in Legal Services	International Careers
10:00 a.m.	Accounting Public Acct.	Marketing & Management Careers	Careers in Theatre Education & Performance	Environmental Health Careers	Careers in Computer Science
11:00 a.m.	Accounting Industry & Non-Profit	Careers in Human Resources	Careers in Technical Theatre	Criminal Justice Careers	Computer Science & The Job Search

Below are some of the organizations that are likely to attend this year.

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Cerebral Palsy of Tri-County
Champs Sports
Contract Freighters, Inc.
Coopers & Lybrand
Crowder College
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Doane Products
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Easy Living
Empire District Electric Co.
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
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Hardy & Associates, CPA's
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H.E. Williams, Inc.
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Ingersoll-Rand
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Jasper County Sheltered Facilities
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KSN-TV
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Meeks Building Center
Mense, Churchwell & Mense, PC
Mercantile Bank
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Mo. Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations
Missouri Division of Child Support
Missouri Division of Mental Health
Missouri Division of Youth Services
Missouri Office of Administration
Missouri State Highway Patrol
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Neosho National Fish Hatchery
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Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Olsten Staffing Services
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Pre-Paid Legal Inc.
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Sunbeam Outdoor Products
Tamko Asphalt Products
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The Independent Living Center, Inc.
The Grand Palace
The Joplin Globe
Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School
Tulsa Police Department
Tyson Foods, Inc.
United Way of Joplin
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U.S. Army
U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
U.S. Telecom
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Warten, Fisher, Lee & Brown
Webb City High School
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 - Oklahoma City Univ. School of Law
 - Oklahoma State University
 - Oral Roberts University
 - Univ. of Arkansas Drama Dept.
 - Univ. of Arkansas School of Law
 - Univ. of MO-Kansas City Law School
 - Univ. of MO-Graduate School
 - Univ. of MO Law Enforcement Training
 - Univ. of Tulsa College of Law
 - Univ. of Tulsa Graduate School

Career Development Day 1997 will host many of the same great organizations plus many more new ones!!
Call 625-9343 for more details

New center helps start-up businesses

EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

The Downtown Enterprise Center, a resource for start-up businesses, has opened its doors to applicants of small entrepreneurial-type companies.

The Center serves genuine start-up companies and existing companies still operating out of the home. They can have an office without the expense of renting a major facility, buying a copy machine, having a secretary, and

doing everything," said Bob Harrington, board member of Main Street Joplin. "We call it 'the small business incubator system.'"

The Center offers its clients individualized business consulting services at no charge, access to on-site business workshops and seminars, and a technology center equipped with computers hooked to the Internet.

"We get the business started, get them running, and give them a kind of jump kick on life," Harrington said.

An entrepreneur will have to go through an interview process and qualify as a client of the Center.

"One of the objectives is to not bring in businesses into the incubator that are simply copycats of already existing businesses in town," said Blanche McKee, chairperson of the board of the Downtown Enterprise Center. "One of the purposes is to broaden the economic base of the community, and you can't do that by having 15 of the same businesses. We're looking for unique businesses," said McKee.

McKee said one of the primary factors that the Center is looking for is companies that have the ability or the potential to sell their goods and services outside of the community.

"That's how a community grows economically," McKee said. "The ultimate would be companies that can sell overseas."

In 1996, small businesses produced an estimated 75 percent of the 2.5 million new jobs created.

"We are also looking for companies with the potential and the willingness and the goal to create jobs

for the community," McKee said.

"I think it's a really good idea," said Camie Helms, junior marketing major.

"This is a small area that's growing, and this provides a lot of opportunity for a lot of people."

The grand opening of the Center will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.

"I'd like to see the Center flourish and survive," said Jim Krudwig, board member of Main Street Joplin and director of the Small Business Development Center at Southern. "It's a good concept." □

BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

Fund-raiser surpasses expectations

Bowling event brings in more than original goal of \$10,000 in donations

TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The welfare of children in Jasper and Newton counties was the focus of a bowling event Saturday. Bowl For Kid's Sake is a national event used as the primary source of funding for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Clubs of America. The official goal for the tournament was \$10,000," said Amy Potter, small business manager for the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and one of the organizers of the bowling tournament. The goal is not official yet, but the event netted \$16,500."

Big Brothers and Big Sisters is now in its 17th year of existence in the Joplin area. The idea to start the organization began with the Leadership Joplin Class of 1996, a group organized by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce to enhance leadership skills in the business community.

"They recognized the need to have Big Brothers and Big Sisters' services here in Joplin," Potter said. "The Class of 1997 decided to organize the Bowl For Kid's Sake to get them off to a great start."

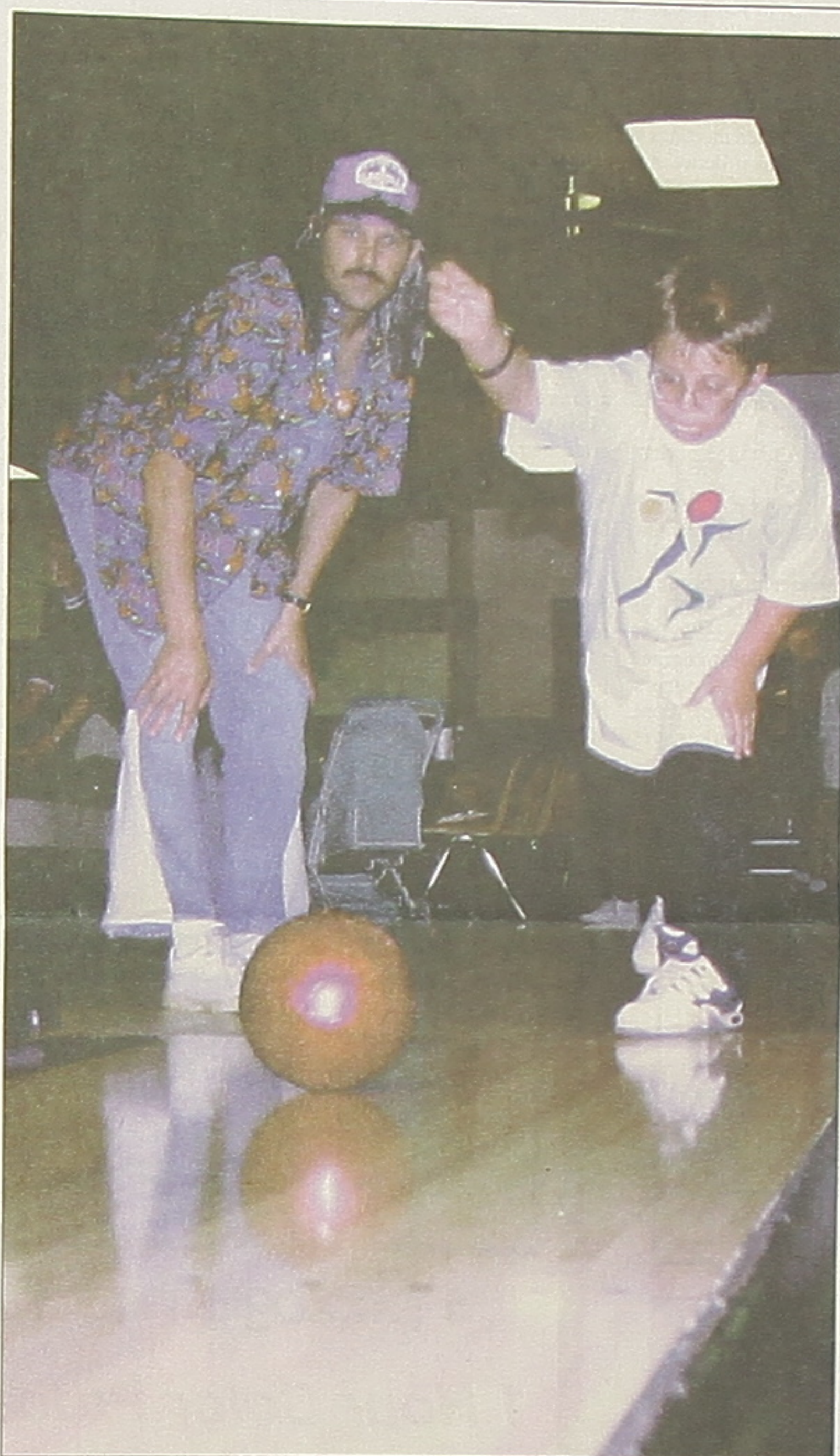
Currently, the major focus of the organization is to "match" Big Brothers and Sisters with Little Brothers and Sisters, Mark Kimball, executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Jasper and Newton counties.

The goal is to make 50 matches in the next 12 months.

"The community support we've received has been tremendous," Kimball said. "The Bowl For Kid's Sake is a brand new event in the Joplin area, and we well surpassed our goals."

There have been 83 volunteer applications requested and 23 returned. For the first time there have been 48 application requests, and seven have applied in the last two weeks, Kimball explained.

As the program gets under way, the matched pairs will spend most of their



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Keith Moeller, president of the board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Jasper and Newton counties, watches intently as 8-year-old Paul Cameron, Joplin, rolls the ball.

time together on a one-on-one basis.

There will be some agency functions for the matches, but personal interest and parents' permission will play a big part in the activities, Kimball said.

"I was a Big Brother for five years when I was living in Phoenix," he said. "I always felt that I was an important influence in my

little brother's life. He and I are still close to this day."

The money raised at the bowling tournament will be kept in the local area and go directly to participants in the program.

"We are so pleased with the outcome and the welcome we have received into the Joplin area community," Kimball said. □

AREA BUSINESSES

Corporations receive funds

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

In addition to the recent funds awarded to five Joplin businesses, four more corporations have been awarded job training funds.

The funds are awarded through the Customized Training Program of the Missouri Job Development Fund. The four new businesses awarded these funds are Aaron's Automotive Products, Inc., Lozier Corporation, Jasper Popcorn Company, and Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company in Webb City.

"Area businesses are doing great things here, and this award is the result of their hard work," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

Aaron's Automotive remanufactures automotive components for Chrysler Corporation, Western Auto, and numerous independent distributors and is reporting new capital investment of \$1.2 million in machinery and facilities. The training project will provide up to \$34,790 to reimburse the business for classroom training of 135 current employees. Their average hourly wage will be \$8.35.

Lozier Corporation will be reimbursed up to \$21,213 for the classroom training of 40 current employees, whose average hourly wage will be \$11. The company, which manufactures store fixtures and clothes racks for retail stores, has invested \$250,000 in new equipment.

Jasper Popcorn Company, in business since 1983, processes and packages popcorn for hundreds of customers worldwide. The company is expanding a facility in Jasper and creating 30 new jobs. The company also reports new capital investment of \$500,000 in equipment and facility.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$29,882 in job training funds for the Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Company.

Cardinal Scale, which has been operating since 1950, manufactures electronic, beam, and industrial scales.

"This funding will reimburse the company for the classroom training for 120 current employees," Singleton said. "The training project will be operated by Crowder College, and the average wage of these trainees will be \$8.25 an hour."

According to Marada McClintock, counselor at CCTech, the process of receiving the job training at Crowder involves filling out grants.

"The businesses must first fill out a grant application, and if they are granted, workers sign up through Crowder to receive the job training," she said.

"These grants will increase employee safety, efficiency, and effectiveness in the workplace," Singleton said. □

AREA LITERATURE

Magazine showcases writers

'Portable Plateau' offers creative outlet for artists

NDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Pick up a piece of the Ozarks and read it. Finish one article of *The Portable Plateau* and discover the stories that shape an Ozark mosaic on the brain.

Believe it's realistic to imagine the Ozarks making a major impact on the direction of American literature. After reading the magazine, perhaps that is a sentiment you will find yourself agreeing with, said Mike Hoerman, 29-year-old *Portable Plateau* editor.

The topics satisfy appetites the reader does not even know, yet.

His writings range from deceased loved ones' works to a lover's longings, then to a man's enduring laments.

Hoerman, a Missouri Southern adjunct instructor, assisted in deciding the magazine's tone.

"It's a forum for writers in this region," Hoerman explained. "We want the readers to know that we have a rich variety

of writers in the four states."

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English at Southern, has published work in the *Plateau*. Mark Sweet, former *Winged Lion* editor and Southern student, represents student talent.

Anyone interested in creative writing can submit poems or essays, Hoerman says.

Writers must be from the Ozarks or have some familial connection. Simply visiting the Ozarks entitles a submission.

Hoerman hatched the periodical idea in 1993 and had numerous collected readings.

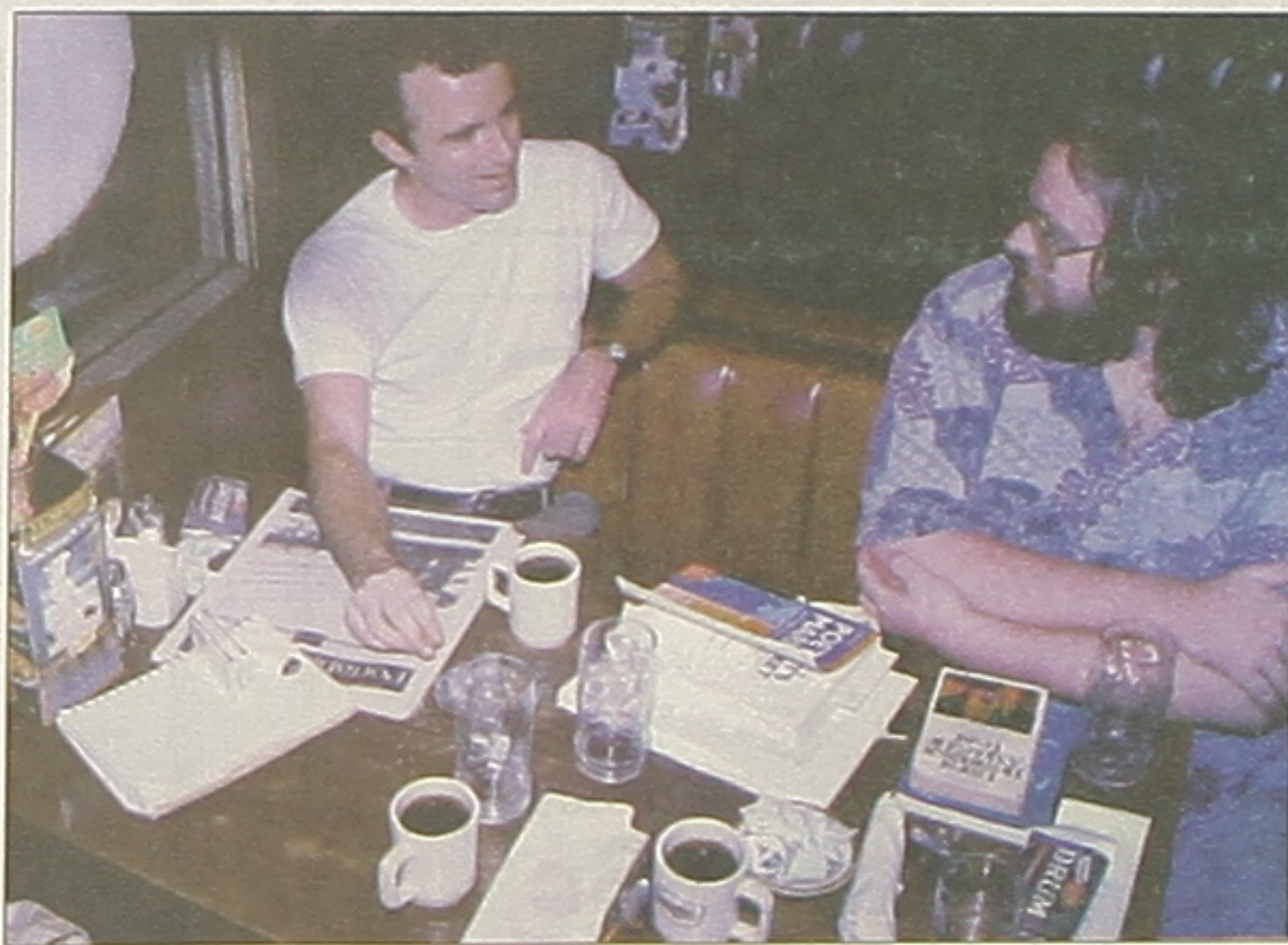
But the paper was scrapped last year. Hoerman's car was hit broadside by a drunk driver in Austin, Texas. He was presenting an award at the Austin International Poetry Contest.

The accident almost seized his life but not his spark to publish the *Plateau*.

The first issue was distributed nearly a year later.

"As a result of the accident, I was disabled for several months. We produced an even better work. I am pleased about that," Hoerman said.

Plateau's primary funding comes from a state grant.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Portable Plateau magazine editor and publisher Mike Hoerman, Joplin, spends time with Ryan Smith, Joplin, discussing the latest issue of the Ozarks literary publication.

In addition, the Missouri Arts Council, Spiva Center for the Arts, and a personal donation from Roger Asay provided financial backing.

Copies of the *Portable Plateau* magazine are available at Hearn Hall, third floor, or Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 W. Third St. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Neosho receives grant for flood-prone creek

U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) has notified Neosho City Manager Jim Cole that a \$182,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service has been approved.

Cole says it is a "major step forward" in the Hickory Creek Watershed Project that is designed to turn the flood-prone creek into a park with a series of flood-control basins.

Cole said the money will be used to purchase the first of three commercial properties in the flood plain — the old Neosho Floral property and two buildings on College Street.

The grant is part of a \$6.2 million project that will take several years to complete. Earlier, grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency helped the city of Neosho to purchase several flood-prone residential properties as part of the same effort on Hickory Creek. □

Community Blood Center celebrates anniversary

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks celebrated its second anniversary Thursday. As part of the celebration, everyone who donates blood during the month of September will receive a "kiss" with each donation. A Hershey's chocolate kiss will be attached to a special card to say thank you for donating blood.

Since Sept. 18, 1995, the CBCO has been collecting blood at fixed sites in Springfield, Joplin, and Springdale, Ark., as well as bloodmobiles across a 39-county area.

Twenty-seven area hospitals, including St. John's Regional Medical Center and Freeman Hospitals and Health System in Joplin, Barton County Memorial Hospital in Lamar, and Freeman-Neosho Hospital in Neosho, receive all blood and blood products from CBCO.

From Jan. 2 through Aug. 31 of this year, donors from Joplin and surrounding counties donated 3,817 units of blood, helping to supply the 10,190 units needed by the hospitals in Joplin, Neosho, and Lamar during that same time period. □

Hear a Hand association sponsors 'deaf fest picnic'

The Hear a Hand Association will sponsor a "deaf fest picnic" from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Ewert Park.

Fried chicken, soda, and ice will be provided. Participants may bring covered dishes and lawn chairs. Prizes will be awarded for jokes, embarrassing stories, and best food. □

St. John's Medical Center sponsors immunizations

A free immunization and health screening will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 27 at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin. Offered through Operation Community Health, the clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents getting immunizations for their children should bring the child's current immunization records.

Screenings offered include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks. A foot screening will also be offered by a local podiatrist.

Operation Community Health is sponsored by the Mercy Regional Health Foundation and St. John's Regional Medical Center, Missouri Nurses Associations, Joplin's business community, and Joplin Emergency Medical Services.

For more information, persons may contact St. John's public relations department at (417)625-2261. □

CAMPUS LEGISLATURE

Senate kicks off year with picnic



AARON DESLATTE/The Chart
Senior Senator Grant Miller (left), chats with Parliamentarian Jason Talley.

Student Senate wants attendance prioritized

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Attendance and interaction were the emphasis of the first Student Senate meeting Wednesday, although neither pose an immediate problem, said Doug Carnahan, dean of students and Senate adviser.

The Biology Pond played host to the student body representative picnic, which also served as an icebreaker for new and returning senators. If the first meeting is any indication of future expectations, Carnahan believes it will be "a big year."

"The officers are as excited as any we've ever had, as far as getting organized and planning an agenda for the year," he said.

"The whole purpose of tonight was for the senators to find out what the

Senate is, what their responsibilities are, and what their expectations are."

Freshman senator Brent Thompson says the picnic served its primary purpose of "breaking the ice" between the new representatives. He also dismissed any notion that Missouri Southern's first all-female Senate executive committee was not "up to the job" of presiding over the Senate.

"Everybody seems really friendly," he said. "I think the officers seemed very organized. I was impressed."

Senate parliamentarian Jason Talley believes the fusion of new and returning senators might initially slow the legislative process, but will eventually benefit the Senate.

"[Meetings] will probably be a little different than in years past," he said. "You may see a little more debate among senators, which is good. It establishes precedence."

For the time being, Carnahan says the focus of Senate meetings will be to increase cohesion between new and returning senators as well as encour-

age attendance, which he admits has been a problem.

"In the last couple of years, Senate officers have really made an effort to make the meetings less than an hour, and that has really helped our [senator] attendance," he said. "The quicker they get to know one another, the smoother the meetings will run."

Senators are allowed three absences from Senate meetings before they are contacted by the Senate executive board.

After a senator's fourth absence, he or she is dismissed from the Student Senate.

"[Attendance] is just a rule that needs to be enforced," said Jill Bever, Student Senate treasurer.

Student Senate President, Eden Aber says while attendance was not a problem last year, rigid enforcement of the policy is necessary for the Senate to function properly.

"We want the people who are here to know that they are here as a privilege," he said.

SHELTERS: Gone from Campus

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Schmidt said. "I don't think anyone in the government thought at the time that if [nuclear war] happened, we would survive, but no one in the government was going to think about that."

Schmidt says this advertising became obsolete as the realities of nuclear war.

"In the 60s, people lived in fear of imminent attack. They believed they could survive in a bomb shelter," he said. "In the 70s, people realized that if an attack came, huddling in a shelter wasn't going to help you."

Beeler, who saw many fallout shelters first-hand, said:

"I don't know what the reasoning was in putting them there."

"Maybe they thought it was better than being out in the open. Although Beeler authorized the removal of the signs from public display, he hopes the significance of the war won't be so easily overlooked."

"It's important to remember what it was like to live in fear in the pit of your stomach," he said. "I don't want my children or grandchildren to have to go through that again. For this reason, Schmidt has acquired one of the signs to use as a teaching aid in his classes."

Another will be displayed at a location in the physical education building, he said.

"It's a sign that symbolizes a portion of an entire country's history," Schmidt said. "No one should live in a world where hundreds of millions died during the Cold War." □

MISSION: Southern, SMSU, Western all starting final year of CBHE's mission enhancement program funding campaign

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to the legislature are still skeptical," Leon said. "Many of them view the mission enhancement as a gimmick to give colleges money."

Some legislators were skeptical about bringing an international emphasis to a small college in the southwest corner of the state, Leon said.

However, Southern was not the only institution facing opposition in the legislature. SMSU also had to fight for its enhancement goal.

"Our emphasis was on public affairs," said Dr. Jim Baker, executive assistant to the president at SMSU, "and nobody knew what the hell that was."

SMSU's enhancement came in a two-part package, Baker said. The university added various graduate programs with the enhancement funds as well as focusing on telecommunications technology.

Baker said SMSU will receive about \$10 million in enhancement funding.

"There has been pent-up demand for graduate programs," he said. "A lot of it came about with Springfield being a rapidly growing area. These are

programs for working professionals."

He said the enhancement funding came about much like Southern's had. There had been an idea but no way to implement it.

"This stuff fit right into the plan," Baker said. "It flushed it out and gave us the resources."

Leon said the enhancement funds really fit into what the institutions are doing.

"The word enhancement is truly being used here," he said. "The international mission is unique, identifiable, and distinctive."

Western's style of mission enhancement brought about less controversy than Southern's or SMSU's. Western's initiative called for the college working closer with incoming freshmen. The Access-Plus program was born, and a year later so was Western's "Freshman Year Experience" office. Staffed by three full-time employees and one part-time worker, the office's focus is to increase retention, graduation rates, and make the collegiate experience easier for newcomers.

"Certainly there's a real push for the freshman year," said Judy Grimes, director of the Freshman Year Experience. "It's just so stressful that first few weeks

of school. It colors everything from then on."

Grimes said there wasn't much to argue about with Western's program.

"I thought it was pretty smooth," she said. "This was my major task."

Last year, Phase II of the mission enhancement program began with three other campuses offering up their plans. Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Southeast Missouri State University all joined the program in 1996.

This year, the University of Missouri system and its four campuses will begin work to receive enhancement funding.

"What's critical about this step is you have to have planning," said Dr. Steve Lehmkuhle, acting vice president of academic affairs for the University of Missouri system.

Lehmkuhle said the system has watched as the other institutions have lobbied before them and paid close attention to the pitfalls of the process.

"Everyone has kind of learned as we go through this process," he said.

Lehmkuhle recognizes a need for change.

"It is important that the missions of these programs be differentiated," he said. "By being different, we can all succeed."

Lehmkuhle gives credit to the CBHE for getting the colleges and universities to cooperate another for the betterment of the program. He said the UM system has come to realize it's everything under the sun to all of the students. The system is becoming more focused, he said.

"Things are changing so rapidly that you can't be good at everything," he said. "It costs too much."

The University of Missouri system with its four campuses can claim nearly half of the entire body in Missouri's public higher education. This year alone, the system will ask for \$20 million in enhancement funding. Lehmkuhle estimates the four years the total will be more than \$75 million.

Leon said all the institutions have the same mind as Southern. The key to the program's success, he said, is students being able to benefit.

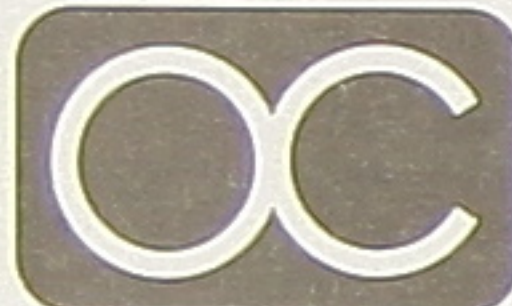
"The big winners in this are going to be the students," he said. "Our results have been fantastic. Faculty and students who have talked with us seem to have doubled the interest." □

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"One, two, three, four, one, two, three, four, one, go, Lions, beat, Bearcats."

That's what I would be saying every day this week if I were still playing football for the Lions.

Some of you are probably saying to yourself, "So, why is he not playing anymore?" Well, events beyond my control (financial and personal)



Andre Smith
Staff writer

took place in my life, and for the second time I had to halt my college football career.

I cannot complain, though. God has given me so many talents that I will use to the glory of Him. He has blessed me with the gift of writing. He has blessed me with musical talent and a good speaking voice.

That's probably why I have chosen my major — communications.

Anyway, I now assist Rick Rogers and Jake Griffin on *Southern Sports Sunday* doing analysis and commentary. I enjoy that job; in fact, I will most likely do it as a career some day.

But, that does not compare to being able to celebrate with some of your best friends and teammates after a touchdown. Or pull across the line of scrimmage and hit someone with full force (I played guard).

As I sat in the broadcast booth last Saturday and watched my teammates go through drills, I caught myself going through some of the motions that they did.

For example, when the team did quick calls (fast jumping jacks) I also did them. The only difference was that I was suspended high above the playing field in a broadcast booth ready to analyze the game and not actually experience it.

It broke my heart to watch my roommate Jason Owen and good friend Jason Young come off the field in total excitement after a touchdown. Only because I knew that I would not be there to hug, high five, pat on the butt, and do all the other things manly football players do to help their buddies celebrate.

All I could do was sit there with my hands raised above my head in admiration of the play.

I did, however, appreciate the point up to the booth that I received from my roommate Jason when the team scored on one of my favorite plays. I played the same position as Jason, and he knows how I feel. I appreciate his support and the support I received from the rest of the team and the coaches.

It made me feel so much better to know that you guys understood my situation and that there were no hard feelings.

Just do me one favor — (in the immortal words of me) — Kick the dookie out of the Bearcats... Man! And let's keep the bandwagon running smoothly. ☐

FOOTBALL



Lion linebacker Kendon Carter (44), reaches for a Northeastern (Okla.) University player in Saturday's game at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Carter is joined in his effort by Jarrett Cook (25), and several other members of the Missouri Southern defense. In the Lions first game of the season defeated the Redmen scoring 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Lions come alive in fourth, win opener

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

With 21 fourth-quarter points, the Missouri Southern football Lions came away with a 24-16 victory in their season opener against Northeastern State (Okla.) University Saturday at Hughes Stadium.

The Redmen put up the first points with a 26-yard field goal. Southern came back to matched them when junior kicker Caleb Lewis put a 26-yard field goal of his own through the uprights. Another Northeastern field goal gave the Redmen a 6-3 lead at the half.

Southern appeared in trouble when

Northeastern scored on a 5-yard pass play in the third quarter for a 13-3 advantage.

The first of Southern's three fourth-quarter scores came off a 1-yard run from senior running back Justin Taylor. Taylor followed with a run for the 2-point conversion.

Two minutes later junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen connected on a 25-yard pass with sophomore receiver Bobby Campbell.

The Lions secured the win with a 4-yard scoring run from senior running back Wallace Clay.

A Northeastern fumble in Lion territory in the fourth quarter gave Southern the opportunity it was looking for.

"We were waiting for a big break, something we could take advantage of and turn

the momentum," head coach Jon Lantz said. "That fumble by Northeastern was the big break. We took over the momentum and didn't let go."

Lantz and his coaches were forced to make some late changes to their game plans in the week prior to the contest when 11 players were suspended for an on-campus incident.

"All of the coaches did a tremendous job," Lantz said. "To go for three weeks and then in one night change everything shows me they are doing their jobs well."

Six of the 11 players suspended were slated to start in the opener against Northeastern.

"It was a tough home opener for us," Lantz said. "I think we grew a lot; we turned a small corner. It makes a small statement for

our system. We had some guys re-up for us."

Southern heads to Maryville for game Saturday against No. 10 Missouri State University. Not yet 2-0 and ranked sixth in the Division II poll, shared last season's title with Pittsburg State University.

Southern returns home Sept. 27 to PSU, No. 3 in this week's national annual Miner's Bowl.

"We play two top 10 teams each week," Lantz said.

"We have our work cut out for us this is fun. I do this because it (the game) is fun. That is something (the team) have talked about." ☐

SOCCER

Highly ranked Lions squad gets first loss

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

When you are a ranked team in college sports, everybody wants to knock you off. That is a battle the Missouri Southern soccer Lions have faced this season.

Last week, the Lions were ranked 18th nationally and GT in the Midwest Region.

"Being ranked means that teams will play us harder, and with them playing hard against us will force us to play harder," said Jim Cook, head coach.

Even with the high expectations, the Lions are not losing track of their main goal.

"Our goal is to win conference; it doesn't matter if we are ranked or not," Cook said.

Southern fell from the unbeaten ranks Wednesday with a 3-0 loss at Bartlesville Wesleyan.

This brings the squad's record to 3-1-1, and Bartlesville improved to 4-1.

"They always play hard and don't win big or lose big," Cook said. "They're very well-coached and they move the ball well."

One of the main problems the Lions have had this year is being outplayed early in the game.

"We need to come out strong in the first and play hard," Cook said. "One of our problems has been a tendency to struggle early."

So far this season Cook is satisfied with his team's play.

"We've done what we had to do and played real hard," he said.

There also have been some pleasant surprises for the Lions this year.

"The play of a couple of freshmen has surprised me, but this is a good group of guys who blend in well together," Cook said.

Unlike teams of the past, the Lions' depth is well-noticed.

"We can use six to eight different combinations and receive the same results," Cook said. "At certain positions we can go as deep as two or three players."

Southern entertains the University of Missouri-Rolla at 2 p.m. Sunday. ☐

“Our goal is to win conference; it doesn't matter if we are ranked or not.”

Jim Cook
Head soccer coach

LISTEN UP...



Head softball coach Pat Lipira talks with junior transfer student Christy Briley at third base during Missouri Southern fall softball game against Crowder College on September 17 at Kungie Field.

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners gain valuable experience at Kansas race

Tough early meet provides challenge, experience for Lion, Lady Lion squads

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Rainy weather and a tricky course awaited the Missouri Southern cross country squads as they traveled to Kansas University Saturday.

"It was a very challenging course, but it was a test we needed early in the year," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach. "This is the first time we've run a 5K this year, so it was good for us."

"The challenging course at this time of the year was tough on us, but it also made us

aware of the work we still have ahead of us," she said. "We've got some room to improve, and we're still learning a lot about ourselves."

Junior standouts Sonia Blacketer and Amanda Harrison had good days along with teammate Jessica Zeitler, according to Vavra.

"Sonia Blacketer had an outstanding race," she said.

"She was surrounded by all Division I athletes and was the first Division II athlete to finish."

Saturday marks the date of the annual Missouri Southern Stampede, which always brings with it tough competition.

"That's always one of our big meets for the season, being our biggest home meet," Vavra said. "There should be some pretty good, challenging competition."

"Of course, running in front of your home crowd and running on your home course, that's just an extra incentive within itself."

On the men's side, coach Tom Rutledge had more than the wet weather to think about en route to the KU meet.

"We had a flat on the way up and only about 30 minutes to warm up," he said. "It's good to have to go through some of this at times, because you never can tell what is going to happen and it makes them physically and mentally tougher."

Despite the setback, the Lions continued to get a good performance from senior Jon Wilks.

"Wilks had a very good race; he was the top MIAA finisher, and he finished 24th, but you're running against Michigan and the Kenyans from Butler County who are very tough and naturally all those Division I

schools," Rutledge said. "We finished second out of MIAA schools and 10th overall."

With the stress of the shortened season combined with the big school competition, Rutledge said some runners competed for the younger ones.

"Dusty Franks was our No. 2 runner, he should be our No. 4 or 5, but some of our younger pups didn't adapt as well," he said.

Rutledge also thinks the Stampede was a challenge.

"This weekend will be a test. We'll close to 20 teams coming up including Arkansas, and they're better than Michigan," he said.

The Lady Lions will run at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by the men at 9:45 a.m. more than 25 high school squads will compete. ☐

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Lions win places them atop conference

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Victories over Truman State and Southwest Baptist University boosted the Missouri Southern volleyball team's record to 4-3 (2-0 MIAA) and began a busy eight days on the right foot.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions won the conference opener 15-12, 2-15, 15-11, 12-15, and 15-11 at Truman State. The win in Kirksville ended a three-game losing skid and placed the Lady Lions atop the MIAA standings.

"This is a good conference win," coach Debbie Traywick said. "We needed confidence, and this will help us along the way."

Stephanie Gockley led the Lady Lions with 15 kills and 37 digs. Kristen Harris added five blocks and 13 kills, and Amber Collins had 45 assists and five service aces.

"We were very excited about the win," Gockley said. "We were aggressive, we were swinging at everything, and we reached our level of play. Everything else just fell into place."

Truman State held its own, winning games two

and four, but lost the decisive fifth game.

"Missouri Southern is a really strong team," said Becky Eggering, Truman State head coach. "We look forward to a rematch."

Southern will have had several contests before the October 24 rematch, including tonight's match versus Washburn and the Saturday Sept. 20 match-up against Emporia State.

"This is a really big week for us," Traywick said. "It is good that our three games are at home. These teams have excellent programs, and we will be tested."

The Lady Lions continued their winning ways Wednesday in Young Gymnasium with a 15-4, 15-11, and 15-6 victory over Southwest Baptist University.

Harris had 10 kills and two blocks for the Lady Lions. Sara Winkler led in digs with nine, and Gockley added nine kills and eight digs. Collins led Southern with 22 assists.

"I thought we passed the ball very well," Traywick said. "At times we struggled, but came through it. Amber Collins is doing a great job as setter. I could not be more pleased with her performance."

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Debbie Traywick
Head volleyball coach

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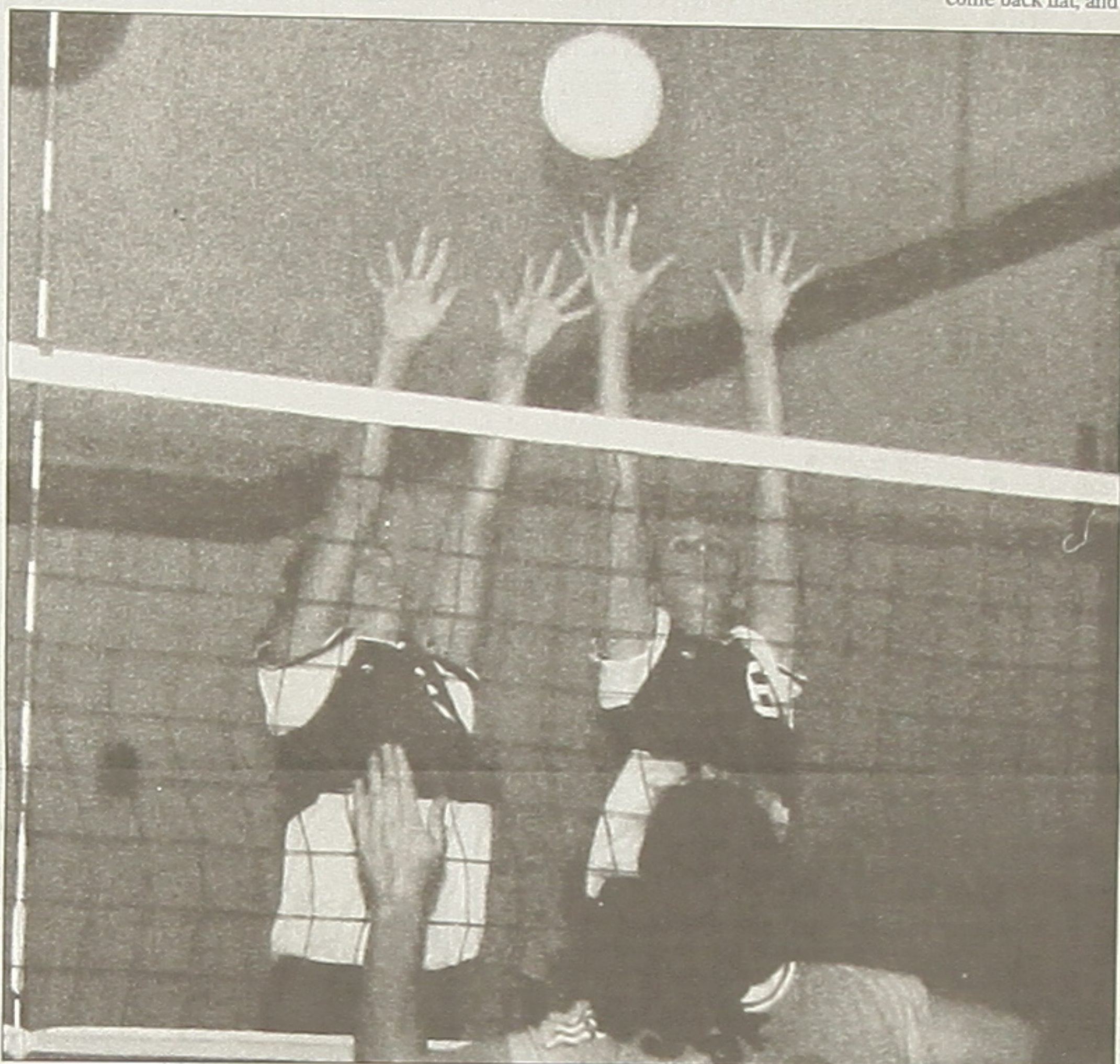
Traywick said Saturday night's victory was a lift for the team.

"After beating a team like Truman at home, it was big to get a win," Traywick said. "We did not come back flat, and that is very important."



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freshman standout Amber Collins sets up a pass during the Lady Lions home match against the Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats.



Sophomore outside hitter Meredith Hyde (left) and Senior middle hitter Kristen Harris go up for a block against a Southwest Baptist University player during the first game of Wednesday night's match-up. The Lady Lions swept the match against the Lady Bearcats.

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Scoreboard

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Football

MIAA Standings
Through September 16
(conf, overall)

Emporia State	0-0, 2-0
Missouri Western	0-0, 2-0
Northwest Missouri	0-0, 2-0
Missouri Southern	0-0, 1-0
Pittsburg State	0-0, 1-0
Central Missouri	0-0, 1-1
Missouri-Rolla	0-0, 1-1
Washburn	0-0, 1-1
Southwest Baptist	0-0, 0-1
Truman State	0-0, 0-1

MIAA Leaders
Through September 16

Passing
Laughlin, Mike, Sr., TSU- 62.6, 1TD
Boosey, Jerel, Sr., MWSC- 43.5, 3 TD
Reisen, Chris, Jr., NWMSU- 55.0, 4 TD
Blavie, Pete, Sr., ESU- 59.7, 6 TD
Blaser, Paul, Sr., CMSU- 53.8, 2 TD
Rushing
Williams, Tony, Sr., MWSC- 303 yds
Hay, Brian, Jr., ESU- 227 yds
Wagoner, Jason, Sr., UMR- 275 yds
Scott, Karega, Sr., TSU- 131 yds
Cornelsen, Brad, Jr., MSSC- 127 yds
Receiving
Stanton, Troy, Sr., ESU- 131.0
Rea, James, Sr., TSU- 127.0
Whites, Cory, Fr., SBU- 109.0

Punt Returns Yds/R

1. Whitehead, Mac, Sr., MSSC- 14.8
2. Lindsey, Bret, Jr., UMR- 13.0
3. McFadden, Doug, Jr., SBU- 11.0

Kickoff Returns Yds/R

1. Pugh, Charlie, So., NWMSU- 49.0
2. Spencer, Charles, Fr., MWSC- 38.0
3. Johnson, Deric, So., TSU- 36.8
4. Jackson, Chris, Sr., CMSU- 33.5
5. Naeve, John, Fr., TSU- 33.0

Field Goals FGM/FGA

1. Barcus, Josh, Jr., PSU- 3/3
2. Risner, Brandon, Sr., UMR- 5/8
3. Meyer, Shane, Jr., CMSU- 3/3

Lions Week 1
vs. Northeastern State University

Lions 24

Redmen 16

Scoring:

1st
Redmen: 8:38, Evan Luttrell 26 yd field goal, (3-0)
2nd
Lions: 5:50, Caleb Lewis 26 yd field goal, (3-3)
Redmen: 00:06, Evan Luttrell 28 yd field goal, (6-3)
3rd
Redmen: 09:47, Jason Newton 5 yd pass from J.J. Eckert, Evan Luttrell Kick, (13-3)
4th
Lions: 14:26, Justin Taylor 1 yd run, Justin Taylor rush, (13-11)
Lions: 12:48, Bobby Campbell 25 yd pass from Brad Cornelsen, Cornelsen pass failed, (13-17)
Redmen: 10:16, Evan Luttrell 40 yd field goal, (16-17)
Lions: 02:16, Wallace Clay 4 yd run, Caleb Lewis Kick, (16-24)

Volleyball

MIAA Standings
Through September 16
(conf, overall)

1. Washburn	1-0, 8-4
2. Missouri Southern	1-0, 3-3
3. Emporia State	1-0, 4-6
4. Truman State	2-1, 7-5
5. Pittsburg State	1-1, 4-6
6. Central Missouri	0-0, 9-2
7. Missouri Western	0-1, 6-3
8. Southwest Baptist	0-1, 3-7
9. Northwest Missouri	0-2, 3-4

Soccer

MIAA Standings
Through September 16
(conf, overall)

1. Missouri Southern	1-0, 2-0-1
2. Truman State	0-0, 5-2-0
3. Missouri-Rolla	0-0, 2-3-0
4. Southwest Baptist	0-0, 1-4-0
5. Lincoln	0-1, 1-4-0

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Cross Country

Lion Times
Kansas University

1. Wilks, Jon, Sr., 27:26
2. Franks, Dusty, Jr., 29:02
3. Wells, Jake, So., 29:28
4. Kocks, Jay, So., 29:28
5. Hill, Brian, Fr., 30:36
6. O'Neal, Steve, Fr., 30:37
7. Lee, Jared, Fr., 31:28
8. Anglin, Scott, So., 31:46

Lady Lion Times
Kansas University

1. Blacketer, Sonia, Jr., 19:05
2. Harrison, Amanda, Jr., 20:18
3. Zeitler, Jessica, So., 22:00
4. Lynch, Shanna, So., 22:09
5. Becker, Jill, So., 22:11
6. Petty, Emily, Fr., 24:34
7. Ford, Anna, Fr., 28:34

MIAA Athletes of the Week

Football
Offense:
Brad Cornelsen, quarterback, MSSC
Defense:
Jarrett Cook, linebacker, MSSC
Cross Country
Men:
Jon Wilks, MSSC
Women:
Sonia Blacketer, MSSC

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• Football Lions at Northwest Missouri, 1:30 p.m.

• Volleyball Lady Lions vs. Emporia State University, 11 a.m.

• Cross country plays host to Jocks Nitch/ Mo. Southern Stampede

Sunday

• Soccer Lions vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, 2 p.m.

Tuesday

• Soccer Lions at Southwest Baptist University, 4:30 p.m.

Next Week

Saturday

• Volleyball Lady Lions at Central Missouri State University, 11 a.m.

• Football Lions vs. Pittsburg state University, 7 p.m.

• Soccer Lions vs. University of Central Arkansas, 3 p.m.



Photos by TERESA BLAND/The Chart
David Tyner, straight dancer, dances during the Wyandotte pow wow held during Sept. 5-7, for tribes in Wyandotte, Okla.

native nostalgia

Tribes look to revive spirit of pow wow

Native American festivals compared with holidays, feasts with family, friends

By TERESA BLAND
CO-DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Native American pow wows have become famous for the rainbows of color and variety of dance.

Even though the regalia and dances have changed since their beginnings, it is still an exciting event. Pow wow is a time to renew thoughts of the old ways; to preserve a rich heritage.

It is compared to the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time to be with family and friends, to feast, and to count many blessings.

There are several stories on how pow wow began. It is said that the word "pow wow" is a derivation of the Algonquin word "he dreams," suggesting a spiritual or religious ceremony.

Some say it was to celebrate the arrival of Spring; the seasonal renewal of life.

During the 1800s, many tribes were removed from their original home-

lands by people who didn't understand the Indian way and there was longer a cause for celebration.

It was at the end of World War I that a revival of Native American and spirit took place.

Thousands of Native American men had volunteered for the military. Members of rival tribes fought side by side to defend the United States. Indians remained intensely loyal to their native tribal roots, but, after ing combat, the modern warriors became honored military veterans.

The warriors joined together under a united drum beat. That is why heart of the pow wow celebration is the drum.

Indian culture revolves around the drum, and, though it may be a wooden shell covered in rawhide, it is more than a musical instrument. Those who own and play it. The drum is regarded as having a life of its own; it connects everyone with the Spirit and brings them back into ance.

It is said that the drum brings the heart beat of Earth Mother to the wow for all to hear and to feel. When you feel it in your heart, you are ing the powerful medicine of thunder.

Today, Native American pride swells anew. Now, a new generation comes together to share and rediscover its heritage.

Enoch Haney, fancy dancer, participates in the Wyandotte pow wow. There are several stories on how the pow wows began. One theory is they were held to celebrate the arrival of Spring.



LEFT: Ralph Haymond Jr., straight dancer performs during a night pow wow session. BELOW: Josiah King, traditional dancer, looks to who is watching while he dances evening.



William Tarrant, traditional dancer, wears a traditional Native American costume to the pow wow. During the 1800s, many tribes were forced to leave their lands.



Daniel Blalock, fancy dancer, closes his eyes in concentration during the weekend dance.

